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PREFACE

I have written this book: Perspective in Political Science with the hope of illuminating all the topics in the eleven Chapters of the book using the African and European Perspectives. It is hoped that this will also help us advance the study and understanding of Constitutional Developments in Nigeria and other West African countries like Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

This book can help candidates pass their Examinations at the university level and public examinations for recruitment into the Civil Service in most African Countries with no stress. Some job applicants complain that they often encounter questions on public corporations, public opinion, the electoral system etc but they have no idea about the above particulars. This book now fills the above gap because one cannot give what he does not have.

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This book will not only be useful for Undergraduates and Postgraduate students in Universities, those writing Public Examinations or “Concours” but it will also be useful for all those who love knowledge and the Master Discipline of Political Science.

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List of Abbreviations

ABU:	Ahamdu Bello University
NLC:	Nigerian Labour Congress
BBC:	British Broadcasting Corporation
CNN:	Cable Network News
CR:	Communal Representation
PR:	Proportional Representation
NCBWA:	National Congress of British West Africa
GCARPS:	Gold Coast Aborigines' Rights Protection Society
FEDECO:	Federal Election Commission
ELECAM:	Election Cameroon
USIS:	United States Information Service
USA:	United States of America
VOA:	Voice of America
NMA:	Nigerian Medical Association
NBA:	Nigerian Bar Association
DCO:	Deliberate Creation of Opinion
SONARA:	Societe Nationale De Raffinage
SONEL:	Societe National D'Electricite
NEPA:	National Electric Power Authority
CPP:	Convention Peoples' Party
UGCC:	United Gold Coast Convention

Glossary

1. Option A⁴- Voting System adopted in Nigeria to avoid rigging
2. Gerrymander- Manipulation of an electoral district to one's advantage
3. Lobbying-Trying to influence Legislators to favour particular Policies
4. Economic Determinism- The idea that economic factors cause social change