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The chapters dealing with the crisis of development, the “isms” or ideologies, power, political parties and government in action etc. could also be useful for most postgraduate students in Nigerian and other African universities.

The principal concern of this book is to enable the student pass his/her examination in Political Science and Government, hence I spent over four months in researching and writing this book. I also invested 30years experience as a classroom teacher in secondary schools, institutes, colleges of education and universities and also my experience as a WAEC/GCE Examiner in Government and Political Science in putting finishing touches to all the topics in this book. I have done some work, so what is left for the student of political science is to read and understand the materials in this book. It is my hope that students would find this text book indispensable.

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFRC	-	Armed Forces Ruling Council
AU	-	African Union
BMM	-	Brigade Mixte Mobile
CIA	-	Central Intelligence Agency
CNU	-	Cameroon National Union
CPDM	-	Cameroon People's Democratic Movement
DCS	-	Developed Countries
EEC	-	European Economic Commission
FEDECO	-	Federal Electoral Commission
FNLA	-	National Front for the Liberation of Angola
IMF	-	International Monetary Fund
IRIC	-	Institute de Relation Internationale du Cameroun
KGB	-	Committee for State Security
KPU	-	Kenyan People's Union.
LDCS	-	Less Developed Countries
MP	-	Member of Parliament
MPLA	-	Population Movement for the Liberation of Angola
NATO	-	North Atlantic Organization
NPA	-	Nigerian Ports Authority
NPN	-	National Party of Nigeria
NRC	-	National Republic Convention
NYSC	-	National Youth Service Corps
OAU	-	Organization of African Unity
PDP	-	Peoples Democratic Party
Ph.D	-	Doctor of Philosophy
POLISARIO	-	"Frente Popular Para La Liberacion de Sangria el Hamra Rio del Oro" (Popular Front for the Liberation of the Saharawi People).
PRP	-	Peoples Redemption Party
SADR	-	Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic
SEDOC-	-	Service de Documentation
SDP	-	Social Democratic Party
SMC	-	Supreme Military Council
SONARA	-	Societe Natioanle De Raffinage
UNO	-	United Nations Organization
UPC	-	Union Populaire du Cameroun
USA	-	United States of America
USSR	-	Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics. (Now the Commonwealth of Independent States).