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2013 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 8**

**7 points**

**Part (a): 1 point**

One point is earned for a correct description of a significant ethnic division in Mexico.

An acceptable description may include:

- Amerindian (indigenous) and mestizos.
- Amerindian (indigenous) and whites (Spanish).
- Mestizos and whites (Spanish).

**Part (b): 2 points**

One point is earned for correctly identifying an ethnic movement in Mexico since 1990.

An acceptable identification may include:

- Zapatistas/EZLN (Zapatista Army of National Liberation).
- Indigenous peoples in Chiapas.

One point is earned for correctly explaining why the movement arose in Mexico since 1990.

An acceptable explanation may include:

- The movement arose due to socioeconomic inequality and discrimination.
- The movement arose as a response to the negative impact of NAFTA.

**Part (c): 1 point**

One point is earned for a correct description of a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.

An acceptable description may include:

- Three major ethnic groups (Hausa/Fulani, Yoruba, Igbo).
- Hausa/Fulani and Yoruba.
- Hausa/Fulani and Igbo.
- Yoruba and Igbo.

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**Question 8 (continued)**

**Part (d): 2 points**

One point is earned for correctly identifying an ethnic movement in Nigeria since 1990.

An acceptable identification may include:

- MEND: Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta.
- MOSOP: Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People.
- Indigenous peoples in Niger Delta (Ijaw).
- OPC: Oodua People's Congress (Yoruba).
- MASSOB: Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra (Igbo).
- Boko Haram (only acceptable if directly tied to Hausa/Fulani ethnic group).

One point is earned for correctly explaining why the movement arose in Nigeria since 1990.

An acceptable explanation may include:

- The movement arose due to socioeconomic inequality and discrimination.
- The movement arose due to exploitation of local natural resources by the government and foreign oil companies.

**Part (e): 1 point**

One point is earned for a correct explanation of why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigeria than in Mexico.

An acceptable explanation may include:

- Nigeria has a greater diversity of ethnic groups that are often in conflict with each other.
- British colonial “divide and conquer” tactics left a legacy of greater ethnic conflict in Nigeria.
- Nigerian elites politicize ethnicity more extensively to win support.
- Ethnic identity in Nigeria is stronger than national identity.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an off-task answer or an attempted answer that merits no points.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank answer.

8. Ethnicity plays a role in politics in Mexico and Nigeria.

(a) Describe a significant ethnic division in Mexico.

(b) Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.

(c) Describe a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.

(d) Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.

(e) Explain one reason why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.

Mestizo vs. Amerindian  
Zapatista  
Niger Delta vs. Hausa-Fulani  
MEND  
→ Divide & Rule

A significant ethnic division in Mexico is the split between the Mestizo and native Amerindian populations. The natives are generally poorer than those of European descent. The Zapatista movement in Chiapas was the native Amerindians' response to Mexico agreeing to join NAFTA. They ~~thought~~ believed the free trade would render their small farming useless.

A significant ethnic division in Nigeria is the division between the people native to the Niger Delta Region and the muslim Hausa-Fulani of the North. Since the majority of people in Nigeria live in the North, it has seen the most political power. The North has been able to exploit the resources in the Niger Delta, mainly oil. The MEND group has started a <sup>partly violent</sup> movement to try and keep oil revenue in the Niger Delta region.

Ethnicity has played a bigger role in Nigerian politics than in Mexican politics because while the UK colonized Nigeria, they kept the different groups against each other. This divide and rule strategy helped Britain stay in power there because there was no threat of a popular revolution. Because of this, Nigerian people have allegiance to the village ~~and tribe~~ before their nation.

8. Ethnicity plays a role in politics in Mexico and Nigeria.

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- Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.
- Describe a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.
- Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.
- Explain one reason why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.

- A. A significant ethnic division in Mexico is the Mestizo's vs. Indigenias because the Mestizos - since they are part <sup>European</sup> ~~European~~ - have more rights in Mexico than the Indigenias. The Mestizos generally live in Northern Mexico in the cities with better jobs and higher education levels than the Indigenias who generally live in Southern Mexico on the farms with agricultural jobs and lower education - having to leave school come harvest season to support their families.
- B. An ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico was the Chiapas Rebellion of 1994 where the Zapatistas over took villages and protested the government for the same rights of the mestizo population. The government in Mexico responded by co-optation and giving the Indigenias people electricity and running water.
- C. An ethnic division in Nigeria is all the ethnicities such as the Igbo and Yoruba fighting for control, power, and wealth. <sup>D.</sup> A movement that emerged was the government saying 25% of the votes for presidential elections must come from 2/3 of the state.
- E. Ethnicity has played more a role in Nigeria because there are over 250 different ethnicities in Nigeria and pleasing them all, keeping them all calm, and still governing them as a single country is very difficult to do, causing leaders - presidents - to just focus on their region and ignore everyone else - leading to military coups and corruption.

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- (c) Describe a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.
- (d) Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.
- (e) Explain one reason why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.

a. The amerindians vs. the mestizos.

b. There was an uprising in southern Mexico because the amerindians felt under represented

c. Christian vs. Muslim.

d. The Boko Haram terrorized oil workers on the Niger river delta in order to get them to leave.

e. There are more massive ethnic cleavages in Nigeria than in Mexico.

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## 2013 SCORING COMMENTARY

### Question 8

#### Overview

The intent of this question was for students to comparatively analyze the role of ethnic movements in contemporary Mexican and Nigerian politics. The skills tested were both descriptive and analytical. Students had five specific tasks: to describe a significant ethnic division in Mexico, to identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose, to describe a significant ethnic division in Nigeria, to identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose, and to explain one reason why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.

#### Sample: 8A

Score: 7

In part (a) the response earned 1 point for describing a significant ethnic division in Mexico as “the split between the Mestizo and native Amerindian populations.”

In part (b) the response earned 1 point for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 as the “Zapatista movement in Chiapas,” and the response earned 1 point for explaining how the movement arose as “the native Amerindians’ response to Mexico agreeing to join NAFTA. They believed the free trade would render their small farming useless.”

In part (c) the response earned 1 point for describing a significant ethnic division in Nigeria as “between the people native to the Niger Delta region and the muslim [*sic*] Hausa-Falani of the North.”

In part (d) the response earned 1 point for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 as the “MEND group,” and the response earned 1 point for explaining how the movement arose “to try and keep oil revenue in the Niger Delta region.”

In part (e) the response earned 1 point for explaining why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigeria than in Mexican politics “because while the UK colonized Nigeria, they kept the different groups against each other,” and “[b]ecause of this, Nigerian people have allegiance to the village and tribe before their nation.”

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**Question 8 (continued)**

**Sample: 8B**

**Score: 5**

In part (a) the response earned 1 point for describing a significant ethnic division in Mexico as “the Mestizo’s vs. indigenous [*sic*]”.

In part (b) the response earned 1 point for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 as “the Zappitistas [*sic*],” and the response earned 1 point for explaining how the movement arose during “the Chiappas [*sic*] Rebellion of 1994 where the Zappitistas [*sic*] over took villages and protested the government for the same rights of the mestizos population.”

In part (c) the response earned 1 point for describing a significant ethnic division in Nigeria as “the Igbo and Yoruba”.

In part (d) the response earned no points for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and no points for explaining why the movement arose.

In part (e) the response earned 1 point for explaining why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics “because there are over 250 different ethnicities in Nigeria and pleasing them all, keeping them all calm, and still governing them as a single country is very difficult to do”.

**Sample: 8C**

**Score: 2**

In part (a) the response earned 1 point for describing a significant ethnic division in Mexico as “the amerindians [*sic*] vs. the mestisos [*sic*].”

In part (b) the response earned 1 point for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 as an Amerindian “uprising in Southern Mexico”. The response earned no points for explaining why the movement arose.

In part (c) the response earned no points for describing a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.

In part (d) the response earned no points for identifying an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and no points for explaining why the movement arose.

In part (e) the response earned no points for explaining why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.