

## **WEEK TWO (2)**

### **TOPIC: MEANING OF A NON CENTRALISED STATE**

A non-centralised states the one in which political power is distributed among various units of government ,power is not concentrated at the centre, In this form of ,small governing authorities or bodies exist to share power in governance, it is also known as decentralized, fragmented, acephalous state. They had no powerful kings that ruled them. They were led by leaders who share common blood ties. Everybody was involved in the governmental process through representatives from the family (oldest male in the family),village male elders, age grades etc. The igbo society was a typical example of non centralized state during the pre-colonial era.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF NON CENTRALIZED STATES;**

1. They had no powerful kings or monarchical system.
2. They were ruled by eldest men in the family .
3. There were no law courts rather the people were guided by taboos , norms, customs etc.
4. They shared a very strong relationship by blood . they believed in one ancestor that made them united .
5. These states had no empires but were able to fight internal village wars.
6. Wealthy, important and influential personalities took titles.
7. There was existence of secret societies.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

1. Explain non-centralised states
2. List five (5) characteristics of non-centralised states .