

JAMB SYLLABUS FOR HAUSA 2026

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in Hausa is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examination. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to enable the candidates to:

1. acquire the ability to read and write competently in the Hausa language;
2. know the basic features of Hausa grammar;
3. have the basic knowledge of oral and written Hausa literature;
4. have the ability to appreciate the culture, customs and institutions of the Hausa people.

The syllabus covers the following areas:

1. Harshe (Language)
2. Al'adu (culture)
3. Adabi (Literature) – oral and written literature.

CIKAKKEN BAYANIN MANHAJA (DETAILED SYLLABUS)

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<p>1. Harshe (Language)</p> <p>(a) Ka'idojin Rubutu (Orthography) – alphabetization; spelling; rules of word merger and division; punctuation, paragraphing; all in line with standard Hausa.</p> <p>(b) Auna Fahimta (Comprehension) - contextual questions from short unseen passages of about 300 words.</p> <p>(c) Tsarin Sauti (Phonology)</p> <p>i. consonants – production and classification in terms of phonation, place and manner of articulation;</p> <p>ii. vowels – production and classification in terms of position of tongue and lips, monophthongs and diphthongs;</p>	<p>Candidates should be able to:</p> <p>i. recognize the basic Hausa orthographical rules; ii. apply the Hausa orthographical rules; iii. detect linguistic errors, such as grammar, wrong choice of words, wrong spelling etc.</p> <p>i. read written Hausa texts; ii. comprehend a given Hausa text; iii. interpret various meanings and functions of words in given text, iv. acquire sufficient vocabulary; v. recognize central issues in a given text; vi. draw conclusions based on available evidence in a given text.</p> <p>i. analyse the process of sound production and combination of sounds to form meanings in Hausa; ii. appraise the importance of vowels in determining meaning;</p>
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<p>iii. tone – e.g. high, low and falling tone</p>	

<p>patterns;</p> <p>iv. syllable structure – syllable types, e.g. open and closed syllables, light and heavy syllables;</p> <p>v. syllabic categories of words – monosyllabic, disyllabic, etc.</p> <p>vi. vowel length – long and short vowels;</p> <p>vii. phonological processes – e.g. assimilatory: palatalization, labialization and vowel harmony; nonassimilatory: insertion and deletion.</p>	<p>iii. distinguish between the phonetic attributes of sounds;</p> <p>iv. recognize the number of syllables and their types in a word;</p> <p>v. recognize the number of syllables and their types in a word;</p> <p>vi. appraise the importance of vowels in determining meaning; analyse the phonological processes in Hausa.</p> <p>vii.</p>
<p>(d) Kirar Kalma (Morphology)</p> <p>i. roots and stems;</p> <p>ii. affixation – e.g. prefix, infix suffix and their derivational and inflectional functions;</p> <p>iii. gender and number inflections; iv. derivation of nouns and adjectives from verbs; adjectives and verbs from nouns.</p>	<p>explain the inflectional and derivational processes in Hausa word formation;</p> <p>i. explain the derivational process of word formation in Hausa; differentiate between the two morphological processes;</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p>
<p>(e) Ginin Jumla (Syntax):</p> <p>i. word classes – e.g. nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions, interjections and ideophones;</p> <p>ii. grammatical categories – e.g. tense and aspect (general and relative past: general and relative continuous, first and second future, habitual); mood (subjunctive and negative); gender (masculine, feminine and neuter) and number (singular and plural);</p> <p>iii. sentence structure – e.g. verbal sentence, nominal phrase + verbal phrase and their components, nonverbal sentence: nominal phrase + stabilizer, nominal phrase+ compliment + stabilizer, nominal phrases + continuous frame</p>	<p>analyse the process governing word combination to form phrases; clauses and sentences in Hausa; detect linguistic errors in the grammar; iii. observe punctuation rules; iv. recognize ideas or thoughts in written form; construct meaningful sentences for effective communication ;</p> <p>i. use the appropriate tenses in spoken and written Hausa; vii. use the appropriate gender and mber in spoken and written Hausa.</p> <p>v.</p> <p>vi.</p> <p>viii. differentiate between types of sentence structure; ix. distinguish between nominal and verbal phrase;</p> <p>nu</p>

<p>(yana../yake...) (+da) + nominal phrase; iv. sentence types – e.g. simple</p>	
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<p>sentences, compound sentences and complex sentences;</p> <p>v. clauses – types (e.g. relative and subjunctive); functions (e.g. main and subordinate).</p> <p>(f) Ma’ana (Semantics)</p> <p>i. lexical aspects of word meaning – e.g. ambiguity, synonymy and antonymy;</p> <p>ii. figures of speech – aspects of specialized meanings of words and phrase.</p> <p>(2) Al’adu (Culture)</p> <p>(a) Rayuwar Hausawa (Hausa Rite de Passage)</p> <p>i. haihuwa (birth) –ɗaukar ciki da goyon ciki da haihuwa da shayarwa da al’adun makon haihuwa da wanka da ɓanti da yaye da kaciya da samartaka;</p> <p>ii. aure (marriage) – ire-irensa da nema da baiko da ɗaurin aure da biki da zaman aure da saki da zawarci;</p> <p>iii. mutuwa (death) – faɗar mutuwa da wanka da salla da jana’iza da zaman makoki da sadaka da takaba da gado</p>	<p>x. distinguish between types of sentences;</p> <p>xi. compare types of clauses;</p> <p>i. analyse the mechanisms of generating meanings in Hausa;</p> <p>ii. distinguish between the speech sounds of the language to reflect the acceptable grammar.</p> <p>iii. recognize the significance of punctuation rules;</p> <p>iv. recognize the various meanings and functions of sentences in communication;</p> <p>v. use words and sentences suitable for a particular purpose;</p> <p>vi. build up their vocabulary;</p> <p>vii. construct meaningful sentences for effective communication;</p> <p>Lallai ne masu ɗaukar jarabawa su iya:</p> <p>i. bayyana al’adun da ke tattare da ɗaukar ciki har zuwa haihuwa;</p> <p>ii. bayyana al’adun neman aure har zuwa tarewa;</p>

<p>(b) Zamantakewa</p>	<p>iii. bayyana hanyoyin faɗar mutuwa zuwa rabon gado</p>
<p>(Social Institutions) i. tsarin zaman iyali da zaman gandu</p>	

<p>da dangantakar kishiyoyi da 'yan uwantaka da barantaka da agolanci;</p> <p>ii. maƙwabtaka;</p> <p>iii. aikin gandu da na gayya; iv. abota da ƙawance</p>	<p>i. bayyana tsarin dangantaka da ma'amalar Hausawa;</p> <p>ii. bayyana mahimmancinsu a zamantakewar Hausawa</p>
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v. gaisuwa da karimci (c) Sana'o'in Gargajiya	

<p>(Traditional Occupations)</p> <p>i. ire-irensu – noma da ƙira da jima da kasuwanci da wanzanci da sassaƙa da farauta da dukanci da saƙa da kitso da rini da fawa da fafar ƙorai, da sauransu;</p> <p>ii. yanayinsu – hanyoyin gadon su da kayayyakin yin su da matakan tafiyar da su da muhimmancinsu;</p> <p>iii. kayayyaki ko amfanin da suke samarwa;</p> <p>iv. sarautunsu</p> <p>vi. sana'o'i masu dangantaka da jinsi – aikatau da ƙwadago; kitso da aski.</p>	<p>i. tantance ɗabi'un masu sana'a; ii. tantance kayayyakin da ake sana'antawa;</p> <p>iii. tantance sana'o'in maza da na mata;</p> <p>iv. zayyana kayayyakin sana'o'in;</p> <p>v. tantance hanyoyin gadon sana'o'in; vi. zayyana amfanin kayayyakin; vii. bayyana sarautun sana'o'in; vii. bambanta sana'o'in maza da na mata. tantance</p>
<p>(Ma (d) Kayayyakin Buƙatun Rayuwa terial Culture)</p> <p>i. na buƙatun cikin gida (household) – tufafi da karikitan cikin gida;</p> <p>ii. na sauran buƙatu (others) – gine-gine da girke-girke da sauransu.</p>	<p>kayayyakin buƙatun rayuwar Bahausha;</p>
<p>(e) Bukukuwa da Wasanni (Cultural Festivities):</p> <p>i. na addini (religious) – bikin salla da takutaha (sallar gani) a cika-ciki da saukar karatu, da sauransu;</p> <p>ii. na gargajiya (traditional) – kalankuwa da buɗar dawa, da sauransu;</p> <p>iii. na sana'a (occupational) – bikin kamun kifi da dambe da kokawa da wasan farauta da wasan maƙera da hawan ƙaho da sauransu;</p>	<p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>tantance amfanin kayayyakin buƙatun rayuwar Bahausha;</p>

zayyana ire-iren wasanni da bukukuwan Hausawa;

nuna mahimancinsu;

nuna yadda za a adana su kar su face;

iv. na nishaɗi – sukuwa;

<p>v. na yara (children's games) – shalle da kulli-kurciya da a-sha-ruwantsuntsaye da gaɗa da carafke da sauransu.</p> <p>(f) Camfe-camfe da Bauta</p>	<p>iv. nuna yadda ake gudanar da su;</p> <p>i. tantance ire-ire da hanyoyin aiwatar da su; ii. bayyana amfaninsu;</p>
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<p>(Traditional Beliefs and Worship): kangida da camfi da bori da maita da tsafi da duba da tsibbu da kambun baka.</p> <p>(g) Sarautun Gargajiya (Traditional Authority)</p> <p>i. ire-irensu – sarki da hakimai da dagatai da masu unguwanni;</p> <p>ii. na bayin sarki – shantali da jakadiya da baraya da sauransu;</p> <p>iii. masu alaƙa da addini; liman da alƙali;</p> <p>iv. ayyukansu;</p> <p>(h) Magungunan Gargajiya (Traditional Medicine)</p> <p>i. ire-irensu – sassake-sassake da sauyoyi da na gari da na ruwa da layu da rubutu;</p> <p>ii. hanyar amfani da su – sha da shafawa da surace da turare da shaƙawa da taunawa da tsotsawa da ɗaurawa da liƙawa;</p> <p>iii. awo da kimantawa;</p> <p>iv. ayyukansu – riga-kafi da warkarwa;</p> <p>vii. tasirin zamananci a kansu</p> <p>(3) Adabi (Literature)</p> <p>1. Adabin Baka (Oral Literature)</p> <p>(a) Zuben Baka (Narratives): Tatsuniya da almara da hikaya da kissa da tarihi.</p>	<p>iii. bayyana rashin amfaninsu.</p> <p>i. zayyana su ta fuskar ire-iren muƙamai;</p> <p>ii. tantance aikin kowane muƙami;</p> <p>iii. tantance mahimmancin kowane muƙami. kasafta</p> <p>i. ire-iren magunguna da hanyoyin amfani da su;</p> <p>ii. zayyana hanyoyin amfani da su;</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv. nuna amfaninsu; nuna tasirin zamananci a kan su. ai ne masu</p> <p>Lall</p> <p>i. ii. ɗaukar jarrabawa su iya:</p> <p>i. ii.</p> <p>i. tantance nau ‘o’in zuben baka; amfani da isassun kalmomin da suka dace da kan labari.</p> <p>tantance sigogi da bayyana hanyoyin amfani da su;</p>
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<p>(b) Maganganun Azanci (Folk – Sayings); take da kirari da habaici da zambo da</p>	<p>naƙalta da amfani da kalmomin da suka dace da maganganun azanci.</p> <p>mayyaze ire-iren waƙoƙin baka;</p>
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<p>karin magana da kacici-kacici da salon magana da adon harshe.</p> <p>(c) Waƙoƙi (Songs):</p> <p>i. ire-irensu – na fada da na jama'a da na maza da sauransu:</p>	<p>ii. tantance masu yin ire-iren waƙoƙin;</p>
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<p>ii. jigo da salo da zubi da tsari da mawaƙi da kayan kiɗa da abin da aka waƙe.</p> <p>iii. waƙoƙin aiki: na niƙa da daɓe da na daka da na talla da sauransu;</p> <p>iv. Waƙoƙin yara (maza da mata); na aure da na dandali da sauransu;</p> <p>(d) Wasannin Kwaikwayo Na Gargajiya (Traditional Drama):</p> <p>i. Na yara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ire-iren su langa da wasan 'yartsana da tashe da wasan gauta da dokin kara da sauransu; - yadda ake yin su. - muhimmancinsu <p>ii. Na manya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ire-iren su 'yan kama da kalankuwa da hoto da wowwo da tashe, da sauransu; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yadda ake yin su; - muhimmancinsu <p>11. Rubutaccen Adabi (Written Literature) Zube (Prose)</p> <p>Waƙa (Poetry)</p>	<p>iii. rarrabe sigogi da jigo da salailai da zubi da kayayyakin aiwatar da su.</p> <p>i. mayyaze nau'o'in waƙoƙin aiki; ii. tantance masu yin waƙoƙin aiki; iii. bambance sigogin waƙoƙin yara.</p> <p>i. tantance sigogin wasannin kwaikwayo na gargajiya;</p> <p>ii. tantance hanyoyin gudanar da wasannin kwaikwayo na gargajiya;</p> <p>iii. tantance muhimmancin wasannin kwaikwayo na gargajiya;</p> <p>iv. tantance sigogin wasannin kwaikwayo na gargajiya.</p> <p>Lallai ne masu ɗaukar jarabawa su iya:</p> <p>i. tantance sigogi da tsari da jigogi da salailai da taurarin cikin littafin zube tare da nazarin su;</p> <p>ii. naƙaltar ƙa'idojin rubutu tare da amfani da su; iii. naƙaltar ma'anonin kalmomi da na jumloli domin fahimtar labari. iv. tantance muhimman saƙonni a cikin labari da yanke hukunci game da shi.</p> <p>i. shaida jigogi da salailai da sigogi da zubi wajen nazarin zaɓaɓɓiyar waƙa;</p> <p>ii. yin la'akari da ƙa'idojin rubutu musamman na waƙa;</p>
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">iii. tantance ma'anonin kalmomi da na jumloli domin nazarin waƙa;iv. danganta amfani da kalmomi da jumloli da saƙon waƙa; |
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<p>Wasan Kwaikwayo (Drama)</p>	<p>v. tantance muhimman saƙonni a cikin waƙa da yanke hukunci game da ita.</p> <p>i. tantance yanayin wurin wasa da jigogi da salailai da ‘yan wasa da sigogi da tsarin rubutaccen wasan kwaikwayo da aka zaɓa don nazari;</p>
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	<p>ii. la'akari da muhimmancin ka'idojin rubutu wajen fitar da ma'ana;</p> <p>iii. na kaltar isassun kalmomi domin fahimtar wasa; iv. tantance muhimman sakonni a cikin wasa da yanke hukunci game da su.</p>

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