MODULE 1: UNDERSTANDING JAMB AND BUILDING YOUR SUCCESS STRATEGY

LESSON 1: WELCOME TO JAMB SUCCESS

Introduction

Welcome to **JAMB Success: Ultimate Preparation Guide**, your intensive preparation programme for the **Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board examination and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, commonly known as UTME**.

If you are taking JAMB because you want to gain admission into a university, polytechnic, college of education, or another tertiary institution, then you are about to begin an important stage of your academic journey.

You may already be confident in some subjects.

You may also have subjects or topics that you find difficult.

You may be preparing for JAMB for the first time.

You may be rewriting the examination because you want a better score.

You may have a very ambitious admission goal.

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Or perhaps you are not yet completely sure how to prepare.

Whatever your starting point, this course is designed to give you a **structured preparation system** that helps you move from preparation to performance.

Welcome to your JAMB success journey.

What Is JAMB Success?

JAMB Success is not simply a collection of academic lessons.

It is a complete preparation programme designed to help you develop the knowledge, skills, discipline and examination strategies required to perform strongly in UTME.

The course combines:

- Subject knowledge
- Syllabus-based learning
- Guided practice
- Past-question drills
- Revision
- CBT preparation
- Time-management techniques
- Mock examinations

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- Performance tracking
- Mistake analysis
- Examination strategies
- Admission awareness

The purpose is to help you become a **better-prepared candidate**.

Your objective should not be to watch as many lessons as possible.

Your objective should be to **learn, practise, improve and perform.**

Why Your Preparation Matters

JAMB is an important part of the tertiary admission journey for many Nigerian students.

For many candidates, the examination represents more than a test.

It represents an opportunity.

An opportunity to pursue a desired course.

An opportunity to compete for admission.

An opportunity to move closer to a career goal.

An opportunity to begin the next stage of education.

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Because the examination can have significant consequences for your educational plans, preparation should not be left to chance.

You should not wait until the examination is almost here before deciding to become serious.

You should begin by understanding what you need to achieve and then develop a plan for achieving it.

This Course Begins With Strategy

Many students make the mistake of beginning JAMB preparation by immediately opening a textbook and starting to read.

Reading is important.

But before you begin intensive study, you should understand your destination.

Imagine entering a vehicle without knowing where you are going.

You may travel for a long time, but you may not get closer to your destination.

JAMB preparation works in the same way.

You need to know:

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Where am I going?

What do I need to learn?

What is my current level?

What score am I targeting?

Which subjects require the most attention?

How much time do I have?

How will I measure my progress?

This is why the first module focuses on **understanding JAMB and building your success strategy.**

The LAWRANT JAMB Success Philosophy

The preparation philosophy of this course can be summarised in six words:

Learn. Practise. Test. Review. Improve. Repeat.

Learn

Understand the concept.

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Do not rush through lessons simply because you want to complete the course.

Practise

Apply what you have learned.

Attempt questions yourself before checking the solution.

Test

Measure your understanding.

Use quizzes, drills and examinations to find out whether you can actually apply the knowledge.

Review

Study your mistakes.

Do not simply look at your score and move on.

Find out why you got questions wrong.

Improve

Return to your weak areas.

Strengthen the knowledge or skill that caused the mistake.

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Repeat

Continue the cycle until your performance becomes stronger and more consistent.

This is the difference between **passive studying** and **active preparation**.

You Are Not Here Just to Watch Videos

Because this is an e-learning course, it may be tempting to measure your progress by the number of videos you have watched.

That is not enough.

Watching ten lessons does not necessarily mean that you understand ten topics.

Completing a module does not automatically mean that you have mastered it.

Your real progress is reflected in what you can do after learning.

Can you explain the concept?

Can you solve a related question?

Can you solve it without assistance?

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Can you solve it accurately?

Can you solve it within a reasonable amount of time?

Can you solve a similar question when the wording changes?

These are better measures of preparation.

How to Use This Course

To get the best results from JAMB Success, do not rush through the course.

Use the following process for each lesson.

Step 1: Watch or Study the Lesson

Pay attention to the explanation.

Avoid unnecessary distractions.

Step 2: Take Notes

Write down important concepts, formulas, definitions, rules and examples.

Your notes do not need to contain every word from the lesson.

Focus on what you need to remember and understand.

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Step 3: Attempt the Practice Questions

Try to answer questions independently.

Do not immediately look at the answer.

Give your brain an opportunity to solve the problem.

Step 4: Check Your Answers

Compare your answers with the correct answers.

Step 5: Analyse Your Mistakes

Ask yourself why you got each incorrect question wrong.

Step 6: Revise

Return to the relevant part of the lesson.

Step 7: Attempt Similar Questions

Make sure that you can now apply what you have learned.

This process transforms each lesson into a meaningful learning experience.

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Use the LAWRANT Learning Materials

Throughout the course, LAWRANT may provide different learning resources designed to support your preparation.

Video Lessons

Video lessons provide guided explanations of important topics.

Listen carefully and follow the examples.

If you do not understand something, pause and review it.

Do not be afraid to watch a difficult explanation more than once.

Infographics

Infographics provide visual summaries of important information.

Use them for:

- Quick revision
- Definitions
- Formulas
- Processes
- Comparisons
- Key facts

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- Important reminders

Worksheets

Worksheets allow you to practise independently.

Treat them seriously.

Do not simply copy answers.

The purpose is to develop your ability to solve questions yourself.

Practice Drills

Drills are designed to develop speed, accuracy and familiarity with different question types.

Past Questions

Past questions help you understand how concepts have previously been tested.

Use them to identify:

- Common concepts
- Question patterns
- Areas of difficulty
- Your weaknesses

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- Your improvement

However, never depend entirely on memorising past answers.

A question can be presented differently while testing the same underlying concept.

Mock Examinations

Mock examinations are designed to simulate examination conditions.

They allow you to practise:

- Time management
- Question selection
- Concentration
- Speed
- Accuracy
- CBT navigation
- Examination discipline

Take your mock examinations seriously.

Your First Objective: Know Yourself

Before you can create a successful preparation plan, you need to understand your current position.

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Every candidate has strengths and weaknesses.

You may be very good at English but struggle with Mathematics.

You may understand Biology but have difficulty remembering Chemistry reactions.

You may know the content but work too slowly.

You may be fast but make careless mistakes.

You may understand everything during lessons but struggle when solving questions independently.

These are different problems and require different solutions.

Therefore, your preparation should begin with self-assessment.

Ask yourself:

What am I good at?

What do I struggle with?

Which topics do I avoid?

Which subjects require the most attention?

How well do I currently perform under time pressure?

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Your answers will help you build a more effective preparation plan.

Your Second Objective: Know Your Goal

You need a clear reason for preparing.

Your goal might be:

- Gaining admission into your preferred university
- Studying a particular course
- Improving your previous UTME score
- Becoming more competitive for admission
- Meeting the requirements associated with your intended programme
- Keeping multiple admission options open

Your goal provides direction.

But your goal should become measurable.

Instead of saying:

“I want to do well.”

say:

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"I am preparing to achieve a strong UTME score that supports my admission goal."

You will later develop a specific target score and preparation plan.

Set an Ambitious but Responsible Target

Your target score should motivate you to prepare seriously.

At the same time, remember that no target score should be treated as an automatic guarantee of admission.

Admission depends on factors such as the institution, programme, current admission requirements, competition and other relevant conditions.

Therefore, your approach should be:

Aim high. Prepare seriously. Verify current requirements. Keep improving.

Your target is a destination for your preparation, not a guarantee.

Your Third Objective: Know What You Need to Study

JAMB preparation should not be based on random topics.

You should use the relevant syllabus as a roadmap for your preparation.

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The syllabus helps you understand the areas you are expected to cover.

Once you have identified the topics, divide them into manageable sections.

For example:

Subject → Major Topic → Subtopic → Practice → Assessment

This prevents the syllabus from becoming an overwhelming list.

Instead, it becomes a sequence of achievable tasks.

Your Fourth Objective: Develop Speed and Accuracy

Knowing the answer is important.

Getting the answer correct is essential.

Getting it correct efficiently is even better.

In a timed computer-based examination, you need to manage both:

Accuracy

and

Time.

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If you spend too much time on one difficult question, you may reduce the amount of time available for other questions.

If you rush through the examination, you may make careless mistakes.

This course will therefore help you develop both speed and accuracy through practice and timed exercises.

Your Fifth Objective: Become Comfortable With CBT

UTME is computer-based.

That means your preparation should include more than academic knowledge.

You should also become comfortable with the examination environment and the skills required to work through questions on a computer.

You will learn strategies for:

- Reading questions on screen
- Selecting answers
- Moving between questions
- Reviewing questions
- Returning to skipped questions
- Managing time

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- Handling difficult questions
- Maintaining concentration
- Avoiding careless clicks

The goal is to ensure that the computer-based format does not become an unnecessary source of difficulty.

Your Sixth Objective: Learn From Your Mistakes

One of the most valuable habits you can develop during this course is **mistake analysis**.

When you get a question wrong, do not simply say:

“I got it wrong.”

Ask:

Why did I get it wrong?

Was the topic unfamiliar?

Did I misunderstand the question?

Did I forget a rule?

Did I make a calculation error?

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Did I rush?

Did I choose an option without properly evaluating the alternatives?

Did I know the answer but change it unnecessarily?

Every mistake contains information.

If you understand the cause, you can work on the solution.

Create a JAMB Mistake Log

Consider maintaining a personal mistake log.

For each important error, record:

Question/topic: _____

My answer: _____

Correct answer: _____

Why I was wrong: _____

Correct concept: _____

What I will remember next time: _____

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As your preparation continues, this becomes a personalised revision resource.

Instead of revising everything equally, you can focus on the areas where you repeatedly lose marks.

Do Not Fear Difficult Subjects

One of the easiest things to do when preparing for an examination is to spend most of your time on subjects you enjoy.

It feels good because you keep getting questions right.

But your weaknesses remain.

If Mathematics is difficult for you, avoiding Mathematics will not make it easier.

If Chemistry is challenging, ignoring Chemistry will not solve the problem.

Instead:

Identify the difficulty.

Break it into smaller concepts.

Learn one concept at a time.

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Practise it.

Ask questions when necessary.

Test yourself.

Repeat.

Progress may be gradual, but consistent practice can make difficult areas more manageable.

Do Not Depend on Motivation Alone

Motivation is useful, but motivation changes.

Some days you will feel excited.

Other days you may feel tired.

Sometimes you will perform very well.

Other times you may perform poorly.

If your preparation depends entirely on how motivated you feel, your consistency may suffer.

Build a routine instead.

A routine tells you:

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When to study.

What to study.

How long to study.

What to practise.

When to test yourself.

Discipline allows you to continue even when motivation is low.

Avoid Procrastination

One of the most dangerous thoughts during JAMB preparation is:

“I will start tomorrow.”

Tomorrow becomes next week.

Next week becomes next month.

Eventually, the examination is approaching and the amount of material remaining becomes overwhelming.

Do not wait for the perfect time.

Start with what you have.

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Even if you can only study for a limited period today, begin.

Consistency is more valuable than repeatedly postponing preparation.

Avoid Unnecessary Distractions

Your preparation requires concentration.

Social media, entertainment, excessive chatting, gaming and other distractions can consume significant amounts of time.

You do not necessarily have to eliminate entertainment completely.

Instead, manage it.

Create dedicated study periods.

During those periods, focus on learning.

Then take intentional breaks.

Remember:

A break is different from a distraction.

A break helps you recover.

A distraction takes you away from your goal without a clear purpose.

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Do Not Compare Your Journey Unnecessarily

You may meet students who claim that they have already completed the entire syllabus.

You may meet students who say they study eight hours every day.

You may meet students who consistently score higher than you in practice tests.

Do not allow comparison to destroy your confidence.

Use other people's progress as inspiration when appropriate, but focus primarily on your own improvement.

Your most important comparison is:

Who am I today compared with who I was before I started preparing?

If your understanding is improving, your accuracy is increasing and your mock scores are rising, you are moving in the right direction.

Your Preparation Should Be Measurable

A successful preparation programme should produce evidence of progress.

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You should be able to track:

- Topics completed
- Topics remaining
- Questions attempted
- Questions answered correctly
- Accuracy percentage
- Mock examination scores
- Time used
- Weak topics
- Strong topics
- Repeated mistakes
- Improvement over time

This allows you to replace guesswork with information.

Instead of saying:

“I think I am ready.”

you can eventually say:

“My performance has improved consistently, my weak areas have reduced, and I can perform under timed conditions.”

That is much stronger evidence of readiness.

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The JAMB Success Cycle

Throughout this course, remember the following cycle:

1. LEARN

Understand the topic.

2. PRACTISE

Apply your knowledge.

3. TEST

Measure your performance.

4. ANALYSE

Understand your mistakes.

5. IMPROVE

Work on your weaknesses.

6. REPEAT

Continue until the skill becomes stronger.

This cycle will appear repeatedly throughout your JAMB preparation.

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What This Course Will Help You Develop

By the time you progress through the complete programme, you should be developing several important abilities.

Academic Ability

You should understand the concepts required for your subjects.

Question-Solving Ability

You should be able to apply knowledge to different questions.

Speed

You should become more efficient when answering questions.

Accuracy

You should reduce avoidable mistakes.

Examination Strategy

You should understand how to approach a timed CBT examination.

Self-Awareness

You should know your strengths and weaknesses.

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Discipline

You should become more consistent in your preparation.

Confidence

You should build confidence from actual preparation and measurable improvement.

What We Expect From You

LAWRANT provides the learning environment and resources.

But your commitment is essential.

We expect you to:

- Attend to your lessons consistently.
- Complete assigned activities.
- Attempt questions independently.
- Review your mistakes.
- Revise regularly.
- Take mock examinations seriously.
- Track your progress.
- Ask for help when you do not understand something.
- Avoid shortcuts that compromise your preparation.

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- Follow your study plan.
- Keep improving.

Do not aim for perfection from the first day.

Aim for progress.

Your JAMB Success Checklist

Before moving forward, make sure you can answer these questions:

Do I know why I am taking JAMB?

Do I know the course I am interested in?

Do I know my preferred institution or institutions?

Do I know my four UTME subjects?

Do I know my current strengths and weaknesses?

Do I have a target?

Do I have enough time allocated for preparation?

Do I have a study routine?

Am I prepared to practise questions regularly?

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Am I willing to learn from my mistakes?

If you cannot answer some of these questions yet, do not worry.

The lessons that follow will help you develop the answers.

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Your First JAMB Success Assignment

Before proceeding to the next lesson, complete the following exercise.

My JAMB Success Profile

My Name:

_____

My Intended Course:

_____

My Preferred Institution:

_____

My Four UTME Subjects:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

My Current Strongest Subject:

_____

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My Current Weakest Subject:

Topics I Find Difficult:

1. ---
2. ---
3. ---

My Target Score:

Why I Want to Achieve This Goal:

Hours I Can Realistically Dedicate to JAMB Preparation Each Week:

My Biggest Preparation Challenge:

How I Intend to Overcome It:

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Your Commitment to Success

Take a moment to make a commitment to yourself.

You are not promising that you will never struggle.

You are not promising that you will never get questions wrong.

You are not promising that every day will be easy.

You are promising that you will keep working.

You will learn.

You will practise.

You will make mistakes.

You will analyse them.

You will improve.

And you will continue.

Write down this statement:

"I am responsible for my preparation. I will study with purpose, practise consistently, learn from my mistakes and continuously work towards my JAMB goal."

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Keep this commitment throughout your preparation.

Final Words

Your JAMB journey begins with a decision.

The decision to take your preparation seriously.

You do not need to know everything today.

You do not need to be the best student in your class today.

You do not need to score perfectly on your first practice test.

What you need is the willingness to begin and the discipline to keep improving.

Every topic you understand is progress.

Every question you solve is practice.

Every mistake you correct is improvement.

Every mock examination you complete gives you valuable information.

Every day you remain consistent brings you closer to your goal.

Your result will ultimately reflect many of the decisions you make during your preparation.

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So do not leave your preparation to chance.

Do not depend on last-minute revision.

Do not depend on predicted questions.

Do not depend on luck.

Prepare deliberately.

Practise consistently.

Measure your progress.

Learn from your mistakes.

Keep improving.

Welcome to **JAMB Success: Ultimate Preparation Guide**.

This is more than the beginning of a course.

It is the beginning of your preparation journey.

Your goal is clear.

Your preparation starts now.

Your success journey begins here.

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