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DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, FACULTY OF ARTS
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2021_1 EXAMINATION

Programme: **B. A. Islamic Studies**
Name of Subject: **Islamic Studies**
Course/Title: **ISL304: Islamic Studies and Orientalism**
2.0 Units **Time Allowed: 2 hrs**

Instruction to Candidates: **Answer question number ONE and any other two questions**

1(a) What do you understand by the term “Orientalism” and who are the Orientalists? **10 marks**

(b) Explain the development of Orientalism as an academic discipline. **20 marks**

2. Discuss five ways in which *Alois Sprenger* criticized Muhammad’s claim to prophet-hood. **20 marks**

3. Give the biographies of Khadijah bint Khuwaylid and A’ishah bint Abi Bakri (wives of the Prophet) and give reasons behind their marriages with him. **20 marks**

4. Explain some of the views of the Orientalists on polygamy as practiced in Islam and give some reasons why Islam allows its practice. **20 marks**