



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Faculty of Arts

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2021_2 Examination

Course Code: ISL 355

Course Title: Introduction to *Taşawwuf*

Credit Unit: 2.0 Units

Time Allowed: 2hrs.

Instructions- Answer three (3) questions only

1. How will you explain ‘the nature of man’ and ‘purpose of life’ in the basic doctrines of pantheism to non-Sufists. **(23 Marks, 40 Mins).**
2. Explain the first and second stages of historical transition of Sufism from asceticism to mysticism in the mid-9th century. **(23 Marks, 40 Mins).**
3. Write a short note on a common misconception about *Zuhd* (asceticism) and the Islamic position on it accordingly. **(23 Marks, 40 Mins).**
4. Al-Hasan Al-Basri was an Islamic Sufist: Discuss and highlight his contributions towards the spread of Islamic Sufism. **(23 Marks, 40 Mins).**