



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**Faculty of Arts**

**University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Express Way,**

**Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Jabi, Abuja**

**2021\_2 Examinations**

**Course Code: ISL858**

**Course Title: Sufism: Mystic Dimension in Islam**

**Credit Unit: 3.0 Units**

**Time Allowed: 2hrs.**

**Instructions- Answer any Four Questions Only.**

1. “Sufism is a natural development within Islam owing its origin to inspirations drawn from the *Qur'an* as revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad”. Explain. **(18 Marks/45Mins.)**
2. Comment on the Prophet’s practice of spiritual retreat in the cave of Mount *Hira*’ before his prophethood as *sīrah* and *Sunnah* origin of Sufism. **(18 Marks/45Mins.)**
3. Identify the factors that led to the emergence of Sufism as an Integral and Spiritual Path in Islam. **(18 Marks/45Mins.)**
4. Hassan al-Basry was among the early *Sufis*, expatiate. **(18 Marks/45Mins.)**
5. Describe the trends in the teaching of the *Sufis* and their approach to God in the middle of the third/ninth Century. **(18 Marks/45Mins.)**