



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Faculty of Arts

University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Jabi, Abuja

2021_2 Examination

Course Code: ISL874

Course Title: A Reader in the Muslim Historiography: *Muqadimmah*

Credit Units: 3.0

Time Allowed: 2hrs., 20 Minutes

Instruction: Answer any 4 (Four) Questions only

1. Write briefly on Mua'wiyah bin Abi Sufyan and discuss how the art of writing history started with him. **(17.5 Marks, 35 Minutes)**
2. Write shortly on Ibn Ishaq and identify factors that assisted him in putting down his historical compendium. **(17.5 Marks, 35 Minutes).**
3. Identify the major challenges faced by Muhammad ibn Jarir Al-Tabari while writing his history book , *at-Tarikh*. **(17.5 Marks, 35 Minutes).**
4. Compare and contrast between historiography in Islam and western culture and identify point of convergence between them. **(17.5 Marks, 35 Minutes).**
5. Examine the place of *sīrah* and *maghazī* in Islamic historiography. **(17.5 Marks, 35 Minutes).**