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**2019\_1 EXAMINATION**

Programme: **B. A. Islamic Studies**

Name of Subject: **Islamic Studies**

Course/Title: ISL 355: Introduction to *Tasawwuf*

**2.0 Units**

**Time Allowed: 2 hrs**

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

1. Give the definition of Sufism and discuss the various views about the derivation of the word. (24 Marks, 55 Minutes)
2. Give an historical background of asceticism in Islam and explain how its practice was promoted by the emergence of different Islamic sects. (23 marks, 55 minutes)
3. Discuss Shaikh Ibrahim Inyas as a *Şūfī* and his contributions to the spread of *Tijaniyat Şūfī* movement in West- Africa. (23 marks, 55 minutes)
4. Explain the right concept of asceticism in the Islamic point of view and discuss the common misconception about it. (23 marks, 55 minutes)