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Programme: **B. A. Islamic Studies**
Name of Subject: **Islamic Studies**
Course/Title: **ISL435: Textual Study of Hadith**

Instruction: Answer question number five and any other two

1. The Prophet said: “Certainly a man shall speak a word that will be pleasing to Allah. Due to such speech, Allah will exalt his position. On the other hand, a man shall speak a word that will annoy Allah, and due to such speech, he will land in hell fire”

List out and discuss five lessons that can be derived from this hadith.

(23 marks)

2. One hadith of the Prophet states that actions are rewarded based on intention for which they are carried out. Write the full English translations of the Hadith and then write a brief commentary on it. **(23 marks)**
3. The Prophet said:
“Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales; and do not look for other’s faults, and do not do spying on one another, and do not practice *Najash* and do not be jealous of one another and do not hate one another, and do not desert (stop talking to) one another. And O Allah’s worshippers! Be brothers”

Use the lessons derivable from the above Hadith to address the social evils such as rumor- mongering and false allegations that characterize the present political atmosphere in Nigeria. **(23 marks)**

4. The Prophet said:

If one of you takes a rope [goes to a bush] and comes back with a bunch of fire-wood on his back, sells it and have his problem thus solved by Allah is better for him rather than begging people for alms whether or not they give him.

Many people have alleged that Islam encourages the act of begging. By discussing the lessons derivable from the above Hadith, explain the stand of Islam on the act of begging which is now a usual practice in Nigeria. **(23 marks)**

5. The Prophet, (may the blessing and peace of Allah be upon him) says:

O 'Abdur-Rahman son of Samurah, do not request for appointment to lead. If it is given to you on request, you will be left with it. But if you are appointed without requesting for it, you will be assisted to attain success in it. If you swear [to do something] and you discover that something else is better than that, atone for the oath, and do that which is better.

Use the lessons derivable from the above Hadith to advise those seeking for political positions in Nigeria.

(24 marks)