



## NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

University Village, NnamdiAzikiwe Expressway, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Jabi, Abuja

### Faculty of Arts

### 2017\_2 Examination

Course Code: ARA474

Course Title: Islamic Historiography

Credit Units: 2.0

Time Allowed: 2 hrs.

Instruction to Candidates: **Answer only THREE questions**

1. The art of writing history started with Mua'wiyah bin Abi Sufyan. Discuss.(23 Marks)
2. Write a short note on Ibn Ishaq and identify factors that assisted him in putting down his historical compendium. (23 Marks)
3. In what ways did Hadith and *Adab* (Literature) assist the schools of historiography during the “golden era” of Islam? (23 Marks)
4. Write a short biography of Muhammad ibn Jarir Al-Tabari and identify the major challenges he faced while writing his history book, *at-Tarikh*. (24 Marks)
5. Compare and contrast between historiography in Islam and western culture and identify point of convergence between them. (23 Marks)