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**2025\_1 EXAMINATION...**

**Programme:** B. A. Islamic Studies  
**Name of Subject:** Islamic Studies  
**Course/Title:** ISL471: CONTRIBUTION OF WEST AFRICAN SCHOLARS TO ISLAMIC THOUGHT

**Units** 3.0  
**Time Allowed:** 2 hrs.

**Instruction to candidates:** Answer any three questions only. Each question carries equal Marks.

1. What are the components of Islamic Thought in West Africa? (23 Marks, (23 Marks, 40 Minutes).
2. Assess the Islamic scholarship status in Southern Nigeria during the Colonial era. (23 Marks, (23 Marks, 40 Minutes).
3. Who was Shaykh Ibrahim Niasse and what were his contributions to Islamic Thought in West Africa? (23 Marks, 40 Minutes).
4. Evaluate the status of Shaykh Uthman b. Fudi as a renowned Muslim reformer in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (23 Marks, (23 Marks, 40 Minutes).
5. To what extent will you agree that Al-Maghili was one of the Islamic Scholars who contributed to the development of Islamic Thought and Scholarship in West Africa? (23 Marks, (23 Marks, 40 Minutes).