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Programme:	M. A. Islamic Studies
Course Code:	ISL874
Course Title:	A Reader in the Muslim Historiography: <i>Muqadimmah</i>
Credit Unit:	3 Units

Introduction: Answer any 3 Questions

Time Allowed: 3 hours

1. What is historiography? Discuss the concepts of Muslims on historiography.
2. Give an account of Madinah and Iraq as two major cities where historical development of historiography is traceable.
3. Discuss the similarities and differences of Islamic and Western cultures on Historiography.
4. Ibn Khaldun is considered to be the father of historical writing. Explicate on this and his thoughts about history.
5. “There is no doubt that Islamic Historiography has its basis in the Qur’an”. Elucidate.