



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY VICTORIA ISLAND**  
**LAGOS**

**OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATIONS**  
**School of Arts and Social Sciences**

**Course Code: ISL355**

**Course Title: Introduction to Tasawwuf**

**Credit Unit: 2.0 Units**

**Time Allowed: 2 hrs**

**Instruction: Answer only THREE questions in all**

1. Discuss briefly the reasons for conflict between the doctors of the law and the sufis in the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> century. **(23 marks)**
2. Trace the stages of transition from asceticism to mysticism. **(23 marks)**
3. Give the definition of Sufism and discuss the various views about the derivation of the word. **(23 marks)**
4. What is the common misconception about asceticism; explain its right concept.

**(23 marks)**

5. Discuss the Khurāsānian School of Sufism. **(23 marks)**

