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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
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Programme: B. A. Islamic Studies
Name of Subject: Islamic Studies
Course/Title: ISL355: Introduction to *Taşawwuf*
2.0 units
Time Allowed: 2½ hrs

Instruction to Candidates: Answer only THREE questions in all.

1. Are you in support of the view that one of the origin of *Taşawwuf* is the Quran; why?
2. Discuss the basic doctrines of the pantheists as reflected in the concept of the omnipresence of God, nature of man and purpose of life..
1. Mention three theorists of sainthood and its hierarchy. Relate the contribution of each of them to Tasawwuf.
2. Write notes on the mystical life of Shibli with particular reference to his paradoxes.
3. Briefly trace the developments that led to the emergence of the Tarīqahs. Mention five of the founders and their tariqahs.

