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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION**

Name of Subject: Islamic Studies
Course/Title: ISL374: Islamic Political Institutions
2.0 Units
Time Allowed: 2 hrs
Instruction to Candidates: Answer any **THREE** questions only.

1. Describe the *Jāhiliyyah* days of the pre-Islamic Arabs up till the advent of Islam.
2. In what ways do you think the treaty signed by the Prophet with the Makkans at Hudaibiyyah was a blessing for Islam?
3. Define the term *khilāfah* in detail.
4. Write short notes on the following four *diwān* created by the Umayyads for the smooth administration of their Islamic dynasty.
 - (a) *Diwān al-Kharāj*
 - (b) *Diwān al-Khātām*
 - (c) *Diwān Rasā'il*
 - (d) *Diwān Barid*
5. Write short notes on the establishment, characteristics and significance of the Sokoto Caliphate.