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**MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

ISL312: Exegesis of the Qur'an  
Time Allowed: 2 hrs

Instruction: Answer only THREE questions in all

1. Discuss the literal and technical meaning of *Tafsīr* and then explain the similarity and difference between *Tafsīr* and *Ta'wīl*.
2. In your own opinion, why do you think *Tafsīr* is important to the study of Islam?
3. Write a biography on Abdullahi Ibn Abbas stating the position of the scholars of *Tafsīr* on his *Tafsīr* work.
4. Write a note on each of the Makkah and the Iraqi schools of *Tafsīr*.
5. Discuss on *At- Tafsī bil-Ma'thūr* (Traditional commentary) and what are its weaknesses?