



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS  
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: ISL355**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO TASAWWUF**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: ANSWER ONLY  
THREE QUESTIONS IN ALL**

1. Give the definition of Sufism and discuss the various views about the derivation of the word. **(23 Marks)**
2. What is the common misconception about asceticism; explain its right concept. **(23Marks)**
3. Trace the stages of transition from asceticism to mysticism. **(23 Marks)**
4. Discuss the Khurānian School of Sufism. **(23 Marks)**
5. 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)**