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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: ISL474**

**COURSE TITLE: ISLAMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS**

1. The Art of history is ordained by God based on the Qura'nic postulations. Discuss. (23Marks)
2. Trace the historical development of *Sirah* and *Maghazi* literature from the first century of Hijrah to the time of Muhammad IbnIshaq. (23 Marks)
3. Write briefly on IbnKhaldun and elucidate on his thoughts about history. (23 Marks)
4. a. How did Hadith and Adab assist the schools of historiography during the Abbasid era?  
b. Examine the veracity of *Isnad* in the writing of historical work.(23 Marks)
5. Identify and discuss factors that assisted IbnIshaq in laying down his historical compendium. (23 Marks)