

**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Pl0t 91, Cadastral Zone Jabi Abuja**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**July, 2017 Examination**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017\_1**

# Programme: B. A. Islamic Studies

Name of Subject: **Islamic Studies**

Course/Title: ISL 355: Introduction to *Tasawwuf* **2.0 Units**

**Time Allowed: 2 hrs**

Instruction to Candidates: **Answer only THREE questions in all**

1. Give the definition of Șufism and discuss the various views about the derivation of the word. 23 Marks.
2. Give an historical background of asceticism in Islam and explain how its practice was promoted by the emergence of different Islamic sects. (24 Marks)
3. Discuss the role played by some of the *Şaħābah* (Companions) of the Prophet in the practice of Șufism. 23 marks
4. Discuss briefly the reasons for conflict between the doctors of the law and the Șufis in the 3rd / 9th century. 23 marks.
5. Trace the stages of transition from asceticism to mysticism. 23 Marks.