



# NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

## Faculty of Arts

University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Express Way,

Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Jabi, Abuja

2020\_1 EXAMINATION

Course Code: ISL 355

Course Title: Introduction to Tasawwuf

Credit Unit: 2.0 Units

Time Allowed: 2hrs. **Marks: 70**

**Instructions- Answer Question One and any other two**

1. Explain the Islamic perspective on the concept of ascetism?
2. Examine the historical events, which occurred between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries of Islam that gave birth to Sufism?
3. Hassan Al-Basri was said to have made the following statement: “I saw a Sufi going around the Ka’ba, I offered him something but he did not accept it”. Explain the connection of and the importance of this statement to the ascetic life of Hassan Al Basri and Abu Hashim Al-Kuffi?
4. Discuss the Khurasaan School of Sufism?