



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Plot 91, Cadastral**  
**Zone, Jabi, Abuja**  
**Faculty of Arts**

**Programme: B.A. Islamic Studies**

**COURSE CODE: ISL 437**

**COURSE TITLE: SHARIA IN MORDERN TIMES**

**Credit Units: 2**

**Time allowed: 2 hrs. MARKS:70**

**Instruction to Candidates: Attempt No ONE and any other TWO from the following questions.**

Q1. a. Give the meaning of *Al-Ijtihad*, with cogent points.  
b. State the basis of *Al-Ijtihad*.

Q2. Highlight the Western influence on the practice of Sharia in modern times in the Muslim countries.

Q3. Discuss the application of Sharia in the legal system of the Middle East.

Q4. Examine the controversy over “closure” of the gate of *Al-Ijtihād*.