BOWEN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

B.A. SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2022/2023 SESSION
COURSE CODE: HIS 104 COURSE CREDITS:3
COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF AFRICA, 1500-1800
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 23 TIME ALLOWED 2$^{1/2}$ HRS

1. "Perhaps in the future, there will be some African history to teach. But at present, there is none, there is only the history of the Europeans in Africa. The rest is darkness …and darkness is not a subject of history". With what evidence will you agree or disagree with this assertion by Prof. Huge Trevor-Roper. (23 marks)

Either

2. Account for the rise of the Old Oyo Empire in the 16th century (23 marks)

Or

What would you consider as the factors that led to the fall of Kanem-Bornu Empire (23 marks)

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3. The reign of Mansa Musa was regarded as the Golden Age of Mali. With what evidence (s) will you justify this assertion? (23 marks)

Or

What earned Askia Muhammad the appellation "The Great" in the Songhai Empire? (23 marks)

4. Axum rose to prominence as one of the greatest African centers of civilization. Account for the contribution of Axum to African civilization. (23 marks)

5. "The Egyptians built a great civilization so early in the history of mankind that their contributions Africa and by extension the world can never become obsolete." Justify this statement by bringing to bear remarkable discoveries of the Egyptians. (23 marks)

6. "The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade did incalculable damage to the African Continent." Do you agree? (23 marks)