

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER 2022//2023 SESSION EXAMINATION**

COURSE TITLE: ESSENTIALS OF HISTORIOGRAPHY (PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY)

COURSE CODE: HIS 319

INSTRUCTION: Instruction: Answer any three (3) questions only. All questions carry equal marks of 23 each

TIME: 2HOURS 30 MINUTES

1. Would you subscribe to the view that Oral Tradition is the best source(s) for reconstructing African history?
2. Discuss the defects/limitations of European sources in African historiography.
3. “Perhaps in the future, there will be some African history to teach. But at the 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.” - Hugh Trevor Roper. Is this a correct assessment of African historiography?
4. Identify and explain the processes and procedures a Historian must undergo in an attempt to reconstruct the past.
5. How true is the statement that objectivity in historical reconstruction is not attainable?
6. Write short notes on **any** of the following;
 - a) Western Historiography
 - b) Islamic Historiography
 - c) African Historiography