



BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME
B.A. HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION (2023/2024 SESSION)
COURSE TITLE: ESSENTIALS OF HISTORIOGRAPHY (PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY).
COURSE CODE: HIS 319 COURSE CREDIT: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 2½ HOURS.

INSTRUCTION: Answer any three (3) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the nature and importance of Oral Tradition in African Historiography.
2. Identify and 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? (23marks)
4. Would you subscribe to the view that absolute objectivity in historical reconstruction is not attainable?
5. What are the Challenges facing Researchers in Africa Historical Reconstruction
6. Write short notes on **any** of the following;
 - a) Western Historiography
 - b) Islamic Historiography

