

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

COURSE TITLE: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF NIGERIA UP TO 1800

COURSE CODE: HIS 437

INSTRUCTION: Answer any Three Questions. All Questions carry equal marks of 23 each

TIME: 2HOURS 30 MINUTES

1. How true is the submission by European Accounts that the people of Nigeria prior to European incursion were isolated from one another?
2. Do you believe in the assertion that prior to the arrival of the European colonialists, the people of Nigeria had one of the most sophisticated economies in Africa?
3. Long distance trade remained one of the important features of pre-colonial economy of Nigeria. Discuss some of its features.
4. In the age it existed, the trans-Saharan trade remained one of the most hazardous enterprises in the world. Explain extensively the factors that made the trade and the journey across the Sahara dangerous to the participants.
5. The donkey was described by Polly Hill as “the local camel of Hausaland’ due to its indispensability in the transport system of Northern Nigeria in the Pre-colonial period. Discuss the characteristics that made the donkey an important complement of human portorage as a mode of transportation in pre-colonial Northern Nigeria.
6. Examine the indigenous concepts of Land and Labour and highlight their relevance in the pre-colonial African productive activities?