

BOWEN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

B.A. SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2022/2023 SESSION

COURSE CODE: HIS 422

COURSE CREDITS:3

COURSE TITLE: ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN AFRICAN HISTORIOGRAPHY

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY
EQUAL MARKS OF 23**

TIME ALLOWED 2^{1/2} HRS

1. Examine the nature and functions of history in pre-colonial African societies.
2. “Most of what we know on West Africa from the eleventh to the seventeenth centuries come from Arabic sources. Despite their many biases and limitations, these sources remain essential in any effort to produce a new decolonized historiography” (Ousmane Kane). Relate this statement to the place of Arab/Islamic Historiography in the study of African history.
3. Assess the contributions of Europeans to African Historiography.
4. Account for African indigenous attempts at writing history before 1948. In what ways were they limited?
5. (a) Account for the origin and growth of the Ibadan School of History?
(b) How did the School promote historical scholarship?
6. Examine the usefulness and limitations of ancillary sources in the reconstruction of African history?