

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

COURSE TITLE: AFRICA AND THE PROBLEMS OF NATION-BUILDING

COURSE CODE: HIS 425

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 23 EACH

TIME: 2HOURS 30 MINUTES

1. With what justification can it be argued that colonial rule made the task of building the post-colonial African nation-states extremely difficult?
2. “The development of underdevelopment”. Comment on this description of the colonial economy in Africa.
3. What is neo-colonialism? Identify its forms, and analyse its impact on the nation-building process in Africa after independence.
4. Why are African countries classified among other Third World nation-states as “Underdeveloped”, “Less Developed”, or “Developing” countries of the world?
5. Critically analyse the arguments often advanced by scholars to explain the preponderance of military intervention in the politics of African states in the immediate post-colonial years up to the close of the 20th century.
6. **Either (a)** “One of the greatest challenges of nation-building in Africa is that of national integration”. Analyse the steps taken by ANY (**one**) African country of your choice towards surmounting this challenge.
Or (b) “The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was not faultless, but its achievements were not inconsiderable”. Comment

