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DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF

ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ARE 417: ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY

DATE: Saturday, 2nd May, 2015

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt **THREE** questions at least **ONE** from each Section.

SECTION I

1. Show how the concept of the grave sin shaped early theological discussions that led development of Islamic philosophy.
2. Examine the influence of Greek Philosophy and other foreign works in the development of Islamic Philosophy.
3. Why were the Qadarites regarded as people who believed in human free will?

SECTION II

4. Discuss the teachings and principles of the Mutazilites.
5. Show how the Asharite School of theology defended Islamic Orthodoxy.
6. Examine the three theses of Al-Ghazali that demonstrate the insufficiency of philosophy in explaining religious truth.