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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

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MANAGEMENT YEAR 3**
COURSE CODE: AEM 305

TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS.

TIME ALLOWED: 2:00 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Define the term "Research".
- (b) Explain the types of research by goal or purpose.
- (c) Do you think that as a researcher, there should be determinants of a good research? Justify your answer. **[Total Marks is 25]**

QUESTION 2

- (a) List and explain the principles involved in social research.
- (b) Discuss the ethics of social research.

[Total Marks is 25]

QUESTION 3

Carefully explain, with sub-headings, the items which a researcher should emphasize while preparing a good and acceptable research proposal.

[Total Marks is 25]

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is sampling in a research process?
- (b) Explain the differences between probability and non-probability sampling methods.
- (c) Differentiate between:
 - (i) Simple random sampling technique and Systematic sampling technique
 - (ii) Stratified sampling technique and Cluster sampling technique
 - (iii) Purposive sampling technique and Convenience Sampling technique

[Total Marks is 25]