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TITLE OF PAPER: **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

COURSE CODE: **ENG307 / IDE-ENG 307**

TIME ALLOWED: **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer two questions in all: Answer **Question ONE** and any other question.
2. Each question carries 30 marks.
3. Number your answers appropriately.
4. Close attention should be paid to content, organization, expression and mechanical accuracy in the essay type questions. Incorrect use of grammar and spelling will be penalized.
5. This paper is 2 pages long; cover page included.

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SECTION A

Question 1

Assuming in your research process you have reached the stage of collecting data and you have decided to use questionnaires to collect data from some organizations, give a detailed account of how you would handle this process. Your account must include your activities from the time when you finish preparing the instrument up until the time you have received your data from your respondents. **[30 marks]**

SECTION B

Question 2

Explain two strengths and two limitations of using documents as a source of research information. **[30 marks]**

Question 3

- i) Distinguish between a research problem and research fascination. **[10 marks]**
- ii) Describe four sources of research problems or fascination used by researchers and give an example of each. **[20 marks]**

Question 4

Define qualitative and quantitative research and further describe at least two tools of data analysis for each. **[30 marks]**