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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

COURSE CODE : ENG 307 / IDE-ENG 307

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer two questions in all. Answer Question ONE and any other question in Section B.
2. Each question carries 30 marks. The total marks for the examination is 60%.
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 penalised.
5. This paper is 2 pages long; cover page included.

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SECTION A: PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Question 1: (Compulsory Question)

Assuming that you are writing a research proposal using **ONE** of the following topics;

i) Masculinity in Wambui Githiora's Wanjira

OR

ii) The projected black experience in African American poetry;

Write a hypothetical:

- a) Problem statement (4)
 - b) Aim and Objectives (4)
 - c) Justification (4)
 - d) Scope and Limitations (6)
 - e) Methodology (6)
 - (Language use and literary conventions) (6)
- [30]**

SECTION B: THEORY

Question 2

Distinguish between the following terms / concepts in research:

- a) Basic Research versus Applied research (6)
 - b) Qualitative research method versus Quantitative research method (6)
 - c) Problem statement versus Fascination (6)
 - d) Elements of research proposal versus Activities of research (6)
 - (Language use and literary conventions) (6)
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Question 3

Discuss five factors that may influence your choice of a research topic. **[30]**

Question 4

Describe, with examples, the first four elements of a research proposal. **[30]**

Question 5

Discuss the ethical considerations one has to observe when doing research. **[30]**