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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION,

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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. 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 penalized.
5. This paper is 2 pages long; cover page included.

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**Question 1: (Compulsory question)**

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

i) Esikia Mphahlele's Portrayal of Chirundu as an embodiment of Post-Independence Zambia's Conflicting Values in *Chirundu*

**OR**

ii) Representation of gendered Language in Jimmy Makotsi's drama, *She Ate the Female Cassava*.

Write a hypothetical research proposal, showing clearly what you would write under the following elements of the proposal:

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|------|------------------------------|-------------|
| i.   | Problem Statement            | (5)         |
| ii.  | Aim and Objectives           | (7)         |
| iii. | Importance of the Study      | (5)         |
| iv.  | Scope and Limitations        | (5)         |
| v.   | Research paradigm            | (5)         |
| vi.  | Research design              | (5)         |
| vii. | Data collection and analysis | (8)         |
|      |                              | <b>[40]</b> |

**Question 2**

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| i.  | Using hypothetical examples, distinguish between a research problem and a fascination. | (6)         |
| ii. | Discuss four sources of a research problem.  | (14)        |
|     |  | <b>[20]</b> |

**Question 3**

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| i.  | Describe a research design.  | (6)         |
| ii. | Distinguish between a Case Study and Content Analysis as types of qualitative research design. | (14)        |
|     |  | <b>[20]</b> |

**Question 4**

“Content Analysis requires different data collection and analysis from Case studies.” Identify and discuss two examples from each research design to support the above statement. **[20]**