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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 mark 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 3 pages long; cover page included.

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Question 1: (Compulsory question)

After hearing comments from several lecturers at the University of Swaziland complaining about the appalling spelling errors committed mostly by year one to three students of the Department of English Language and Literature, you decided to conduct research on the same.

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

- a) Topic
- b) Background and Setting
- c) Statement of the Problem
- d) Aim and Objectives
- e) Importance of the Study
- f) Scope and Limitations
- g) Methodology

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Question 2

- i. Define literature review (5)
- ii. Discuss why it is necessary to review related literature when conducting research. (15)

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Question 3

Discuss four Data collecting instruments that may be used when collecting qualitative data.

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Question 4

“‘A problem’ or ‘fascination’ is the main catalyst of a research project. Without it the whole exercise of research is futile.”

- i. Define a ‘research problem’. (5)
- ii. Identify and explain at least three sources of research problems. (15)

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Question 5

Discuss the ethical considerations that researcher must be conscious of when conducting research. (20)