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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 3 pages long; cover page included.

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### Question 1: (Compulsory Question)

Read the abstract below and answer the questions on it:

This study examined resilience of young African girls as portrayed in “The Toilet” and The Bus Conductor” by Gcina Mhlophe and Velaphi Mamba, respectively. The study was qualitative and employed the content analysis research mode. Data collection and analysis was done through hermeneutics mode. The major characters of the stories were girls. Through a careful study of the character roles and thematic issues, the researcher found out that these girls exercised inspiring resilience in their respective predicaments.

- i)
    - a) Suggest a suitable research title of this study from which the abstract was taken. (2)
    - b) Identify the research phenomenon, context and processing verb(s). (3)
    - c) List and briefly discuss key factors a researcher must consider in the selection of a research topic. (10)
  - ii) a) What was the purpose of the research study? (2)
    - b) Suggest the research objective(s) that guided this study. (3)
  - iii) Identify the research design that was used in the study and briefly discuss. (3)
  - iv) Was the study qualitative or quantitative, discuss and justify your answer? (3)
  - v) Identify and briefly discuss the data collection and analysis method(s) that were used in this study. (4)
  - vi) List the findings from this research study. (2)
  - vii) Identify and discuss two ethical issues this study must adhere to during the research process. (8)
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### Question 2

Discuss the importance of any five (5) of the following elements of a research proposal:

- A. Background
- B. Statement of the Problem
- C. Justification
- D. Aim and Objectives
- E. Scope and Limitations
- F. Significance of the study
- G. Literature review
- H. Methodology

**[20]**

### **Question 3**

Mushoriwa (2009:01), reflecting on the definitions of research by different scholars says, “research is thus a problem-driven enterprise.....”

- a) Define research and explain why Mushoriwa’s conclusion is correct about research. (5)
- b) Compare and contrast a problem and a fascination in research. (5)
- c) Identify and discuss three (3) areas where you may get a research problem. (10)

### **Question 4**

Identify and discuss three qualitative research designs. [20]

### **Question 5**

- a) Identify and discuss two methods of collecting data you may use when conducting a qualitative study. (15)
- b) How would you analyse the data collected in (a) above? (5)