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TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORY

COURSE CODE: H300

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer FOUR (4) questions, choosing at least one question from each section.
- All questions carry equal marks.

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SECTION A

- (1) How convincing is the idea of History being both 'Science' and 'Art'?
- (2) What contributions can an interdisciplinary approach make towards the improvement of African Historiography?
- (3) With what justification can Leopold Von Ranke be regarded as the founder of "Modern Historiography"?
- (4) "It is in economic terms that all states of affairs must be finally understood". Evaluate the contribution of Karl Marx to Historiography in the light of this statement.

SECTION B

- (5) Using any topic of your choice, show how you would go about developing a research proposal.
- (6) What are the main differences between quantitative and qualitative research methodologies?
- (7) Identify and discuss major ethical issues you would consider in the process of interviewing people for a research project.
- (8) How would you go about evaluating sources of information in the process of carrying out a research project?