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TITLE OF PAPER: Research Methods in History

COURSE CODE: H610

TIME ALLOWED: Three (3) Hours

Instructions: Answer all three (3) Questions

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GRANTED PERMISSION**

1. (a) How does a researcher surmount the problem of partisanship of evidence in writing history?
(b) What are the key elements of a researchable topic? (20 marks)

2. What is the importance of Literature Review for a researcher and what is its relationship to the Statement of the Research Problem? (20 marks)

3. (a) Consider the contributions of Jan Vansina and David Henige to the methodology of collecting oral data for historical research.
(b) What are the strengths and shortcomings of the use of Oral Sources in historical writing? (30 marks).