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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE: H 312

TIME ALLOWED: *TWO (2)* HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER *TWO (2)* QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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- 1. Evaluate the essential components of a research proposal.**

- 2. Why do historians generally prefer qualitative to quantitative research methods?**

- 3. What are the core principles in determining the reliability of historical evidence?**

- 4. Why is plagiarism so rampant today and how can it be avoided in scholarly writing?**

- 5. What do you understand by 'archives?' What are the steps to be followed in doing archival research?**