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**TRS 300 MAIN EXAM, MAY 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER : Research Methodology  
COURSE CODE : TRS 300  
DURATION : 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.  
2. Your answers should demonstrate critical thinking.  
3. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

• All questions are worth 25 marks.

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**TRS 300 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (M), MAY 2012**

**Question 1**

Give a full and analytic definition of the term “research” demonstrating the conceptual and practical aspects of its meaning in your definition. [25]

**Question 2**

Write a critique on the traditional division between basic and applied research. [25]

**Question 3**

Compare and contrast the quantitative and qualitative paradigms in research. [25]

**Question 4**

Discuss the key ethical concerns in doing research. [25]

**Question 5**

Explain the purpose of literature review within a research proposal. [25]

**Question 6**

Identify common pitfalls in writing a research proposal. [25]

**Question 7**

Discuss the basis for choosing a particular data collection method. [25]

**Question 8**

Explain the importance of acknowledging limitations of a given study in the methodology section of a research report. [25]