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TITLE OF PAPER : RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE : BA 401 IDE

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER FIVE (5)**
 - 2. SECTION A IS COMPULSORY.**
 - 3. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**
 - 4. THE MARKS TO BE AWARDED FOR EACH QUESTION ARE INDICATED ALONGSIDE THE QUESTION.**

NOTE: MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH, AS WELL AS FOR ORDERLY AND NEAT PRESENTATION OF WORK. FURTHER MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR USE OF RELEVANT EXAMPLES.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

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SECTION A

Table 1: one sample statistics

| | N | Mean | Std. dev |
|------|---|--------|----------|
| Diff | 5 | 5.2000 | 9.83362 |

Table 2: one sample test

| | | | | | 95% confidence interval of the difference | |
|------|-------|----|---------------|-----------|---|---------|
| | t | Df | Sig. 2 tailed | Mean diff | Lower | Upper |
| Diff | 1.182 | 4 | 0.303 | 5.2000 | -7.0100 | 17.4100 |

Discuss the two tables above

25 marks

Describe the information that should appear in a good abstract

10 marks

Discuss some of the difficulties that can occur in the test- retest reliability method and cause a downward bias in stability

15 marks

