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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2006

TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE : H300

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS; CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 2. WRITE DOWN THE NUMBER AND QUESTION YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ANSWER.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Assess the significance of oral sources in African History.

QUESTION 2

Why is multidisciplinary research useful in the study of African History.

QUESTION 3

Discuss advantages and disadvantages of undergraduate research projects in History.

QUESTION 4

What are primary sources in the study of African History? What are their strengths and weaknesses?

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Formulate a research topic and show some of the ethical considerations that you would consider.

QUESTION 6

- (a) What is a focus group discussion?
- (b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of focus group discussions in historical research.

QUESTION 7

What are the major differences between Qualitative and Quantitative research? Which one do you prefer and why?

QUESTION 8

Define the following words:

- (a) Population
- (b) Data
- (c) Ethnographic research
- (d) A sample
- (e) A project proposal.

END OF EXAMINATION