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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHOD

COURSE CODE : H 300

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. QUESTIONS ONE IS COMPULSORY. ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEMPT THIS QUESTION. IT CARRIES 40 MARKS.**
 - 2. ANSWER THREE MORE QUESTIONS, CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 MARKS.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE [COMPULSORY TO ALL CANDIDATES]

Write a research proposal on an historical topic of your choice..

QUESTION TWO

What is ethnography? Discuss the strengths and limitations of this method in historical research.

QUESTION THREE

What influence did anthropological studies in Africa have on Africa History?

QUESTION FOUR

What is an interview in historical research? Discuss advantages and disadvantages of (a) personal interviews (b) Telephone interviews.

SECTION B

QUESTION FIVE

When and why do we make references in History?

QUESTION SIX

Would you agree with the view that subjectivity cannot be avoided in historical research and writing?

QUESTION SEVEN

Assess the views of Arthur Marwick on the definition of History.

QUESTION EIGHT

Examine some advantages and limitations in using oral sources in History.

END OF EXAMINATION