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**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY, 2009**

**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. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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**SECTION A**

**QUESTION 1**

Discuss the nature and purpose of History. What is your understanding of the difference between History and Historiography?

**QUESTION 2**

Critically examine the importance of causation and change in History and show clearly the relationship between the two.

**QUESTION 3**

Briefly state the views of Georg Friedrich Hegel, Hugh Trevor-Roper and Nicolas Sarkozy on African history. Why are these views no longer taken seriously?

**QUESTION 4**

Trace the historiography of Africa from the earliest times to the present.

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION 5**

Is history an art or a science? Distinguish between scientific and non-scientific ways of acquiring knowledge.

**QUESTION 6**

What is the significance of historical research? Outline major aspects of methodology in history.

**QUESTION 7**

How would you go about developing a historical research proposal?

**QUESTION 8**

Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of archival sources in the writing of history.