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TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORY

COURSE CODE: IDE H312/ H312

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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1. What are the comparative strengths and weaknesses in oral and written sources?
2. Outline the main elements of a research proposal.
3. What are the main differences between quantitative and qualitative research methodologies? Which of the two methodologies do you consider most suitable to historical research?
4. Identify and discuss major ethical issues you would consider in the process of interviewing people for a research project.
5. What is the significance of reviewing literature in historical research?

END OF EXAMINATION