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**TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORY**

**COURSE CODE H312**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER QUESTION**
- 2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN ALL**
- 3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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1. Using as an example, a topic your choice, indicate what kind of sources you would consult in writing a research project. Explain clearly why the sources you choose would be relevant to the study and also reflect on their limitations. **(25 marks)**
  
2. Outline the main elements of a research proposal. **(25 marks)**
  
3. How does the literature review contribute to historical research? **(25 marks)**
  
4. What major ethical issues would you consider when carrying out research? **(25 marks)**
  
5. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of archival evidence. **(25 marks)**