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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2017**

**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. Outline the major steps followed by professional historians in the process of producing historical knowledge. **(25 marks)**
  
2. What are the major differences between quantitative and qualitative methodologies? **(25 marks)**
  
3. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of oral interviews in conducting an historical inquiry. **(25 marks)**
  
4. Analyse the value of archives in historical research. **(25 marks)**
  
5. How would you go about evaluating sources of information in the process of carrying out a historical research project? **(25 marks)**