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Title of Paper:	Research Methods
Course Code:	HIS 601
Time Allowed:	Three (3) hours
Instructions:	Answer any three (3) questions

1. Explain why there is no universally accepted definition of philosophy of history and the main questions that writers on this topic seek to answer.
2. What are the indicators by which historiography may be identified?
3. Examine the main components of research proposal in history and its value.
4. In what ways do the research methods of the revisionist school of thought differ from those of the subaltern school of thought?
5. What steps do you consider necessary in undertaking archival research?
6. Jan Vansina insists that African oral traditions are a vital source of historical evidence. Do you agree?