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**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MAY 2015**

**TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS**

**COURSE CODE: H 312**

**TIME ALLOWED: *TWO (2)* HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER *TWO (2)* QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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1. What do you understand by Qualitative Research Method and how different is it from the Quantitative Research Method?
2. Explain what you understand by plagiarism? What are its demerits and how can it be avoided?
3. Evaluate the guiding principles in choosing a topic for historical research.
4. Why is it necessary for a researcher to adhere to the ethical norms of research?
5. What are the importance of oral sources in the reconstruction of the African past? What must a researcher do before, during and after field work to collect oral data?