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TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORY

COURSE CODE: H610/HIS601

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) Hours

Instructions: Answer any **THREE (3) Questions**. All Questions carry equal marks.

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1. Critically evaluate the practice of plagiarism and show how it mars scholarly production.
2. What are the essential things a researcher should do before, during and after embarking on field research to collect oral data?
3. "History begins only when men [and women] take to writing". Comment on the validity and implications of this statement.
4. Evaluate the contribution of Leopold von Ranke towards the emergence of modern historiography and the endeavour of attaining objectivity in historical writing.
5. To what extent is history both "Art" and "Science?"