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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)**