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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. 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)**