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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

HIST 419: RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORRY

STREAMS: B.A (HIST/SOCI/ECON)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 21/09/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**

1. a) Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research paradigms. (10 marks)  
b) outline the qualities of a good research topic in history. (5 marks)  
c) Describe the steps of writing an effective background to a historical study. (5 marks)  
d) Elucidate the use of computer in historical research. (10 marks)
  2. a) Examine the following ways of evaluation and interpretation of historical evidence;
    - i. External criticism (6 marks)
    - ii. Internal criticism (6 marks)b) Explain in details the hint for avoiding plagiarism in historical research. (8 marks)
  3. Discuss the basic principles of the following sampling methods;
    - i. Simple random sampling
    - ii. Stratified sampling
    - iii. Purposive sampling
  4. What are the essential tips of effective historical writing? (20 marks)
  5. Evaluate the opportunities and problems of the use of internet sources in historical research. (20 marks)
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