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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGION**

**RELI 901: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS**

**STREAMS: PhD (PART TIME)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018**

**8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer ALL questions.**

1. (a) Describe the main steps involved in writing the following:
  - (i) Journal articles
  - (ii) Monographs
  - (iii) Book reviews (9 marks)
- (b) Elucidate the main approaches employed in the study of religion. (6 marks)
2. (i) What main issues should one consider when selecting topics for research in religion studies? (3 marks)
- (ii) Conducting research is like undertaking a long journey. Discuss. (9 marks)
- (iii) What are the advantages of qualitative research over quantitative research in social science? (3 marks)
3. Think of a topic in religion studies from this topic formulate the following:
  - (i) Objectives
  - (ii) Statement of the problem
  - (iii) Research questions
  - (iv) Research design
  - (v) Location of the study
  - (vi) Target population

- (vii) Sample size
  - (viii) Methods of data collection
  - (xi) Budget (15 marks)
4. (i) What is literature review? What main factors should be considered when formulating literature review? (6 marks)
- (ii) What mainly differentiates academic research proposals from fundable proposals? (6 marks)
- (iii) What is the significance of defense in academic writing? (3 marks)
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