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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN
RELIGION**

RELI 801: RESEARCH METHODS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

STREAMS: MA RELIGION

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions.**
- **Question one is compulsory.**

SECTION ONE

1. (a) Discuss research as a systematic attempt to provide solutions to problems in society. (12 marks)
- (b) Analyze factors to consider when choosing a research problem in religious studies. (8 marks)

SECTION TWO

2. (a) Identify and discuss approaches to study and research in religions. (10 marks)
- (b) Briefly explain any five perspectives involved in the study of religion. (10 marks)
3. (a) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research. (10 marks)
- (b) Why is descriptive survey mostly applicable in religious studies? (10 marks)
4. (a) What is a research proposal? (2 marks)

- (b) Explain steps to be followed in the selection of a research topic in religious studies. (6 marks)
 - (c) Analyze challenges researchers face in the selection of a research problem. (12 marks)
5. (a) What is a research design? (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss any three research designs applicable in religious studies. (12 marks)
6. Discuss the relationship between research and development in the contemporary society. (20 marks)
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