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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.

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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