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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTORATE OF
PHILOSOPHY IN HISTORY**

HIST 911: RESEARCH METHODS

STREAMS: PhD HISTORY (SB)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/08/2019

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **FOUR** questions

1. The written word stored in the archive is superior to the spoken word in the field. Discuss. (15 marks)
 2. How do professional historians arrive at historical evidence? (15 marks)
 3. Explain the meaning of critical approach. (15 marks)
 4. Quantitative techniques have no place in historical research. Discuss. (15 marks)
 5. Jan Vansina may be considered the ‘father’ of the African Oral Tradition research methods. However, his key argument and method have been shown to have significant limitations. Discuss. (15 marks)
 6. Write one-page essay on the ‘Research method’ you intend to use in writing your PhD dissertation showing the validity and usefulness of the chosen method. (15 marks)
 7. According to Prashant Kidambi (2016), time and temporality are at the heart of historical method. Discuss. (15 marks)
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