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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN HUMANITIES

HST 500: METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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| Date: December 2022 | Duration: 2 Hours |
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| Instructions: Answer ANY FOUR Questions |
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QUESTION ONE

Qualitative Research Design emphasizes on gathering data on naturally occurring phenomena and most of the data is in form of words than numbers. Identify some of the types of qualitative research and explain fully how they operate. **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Literature review provides a portrait and a summary of what the researcher agenda is all about. Highlight the main functions of the Literature review in the writing of a proposal or thesis. **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Define and explain how you can identify a research problem including some of its characteristics **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Ethical issues refers to the code of conduct that researchers are expected to follow in the process of collecting information. Unless researchers adhere to the ethics of conducting research, the quality of information obtained is questioned and is no longer credible. Explain on some of the ethical issues a researcher would be expected to observe to present a quality work. **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Methods of selecting a sample are categorized into non probability and probability sampling Techniques. Define and explain types of non- probability sampling design.

(15 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

Explain what is meant by research instruments used in collecting data and discuss on how reliability and validity of such instruments are determined.

(15 Marks)

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