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MAIN EXAMINATION

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2017 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 401: METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Date: DECEMBER 2017

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Examine the steps taken in the selection of a research topic in history. **(15 marks)**
- b) Discuss the qualities of an effective statement of a research problem and steps to take in writing a statement. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. Discuss the importance of a background to a study and the qualities of an effective background. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. Assess the importance of literature review in research and the qualities of an effective literature review. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Discuss the two major sources of historical data and the essential steps in data collection. **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Examine the procedure in historical research and how historical data is evaluated. **(20 marks)**

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