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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 401: METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

**Date: APRIL 2018
Hours**

Duration: 2

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Examine the major features of historical research and explain how different it is from research in other disciplines. **(15 marks)**
- b) Analyze the importance of theory in historical research. Discuss the contribution of any one theory to research in African history. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. Discuss the importance of literature review in formulating a research problem in history. **(20 Marks)**
- Q3. Discuss the key factors to take into consideration when choosing an appropriate research design for historical research. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Identify and discuss the various research instruments available to the historian. **(20 Marks)**
- Q5. Discuss the major issues that have characterized the development of African history since independence. **(20 Marks)**
- Q6. "Research involves a strong commitment to specific ethical issues, before, during and after the research exercise". Discuss **(20 Marks)**

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