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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KHG 2301 METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Date: 7th August 2024
Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms. (5 marks)
- i) Research.
 - ii) Historical research.
 - iii) Theory.
 - iv) History.
 - v) Ethics in research.
- b) State any **four** characteristics of research. (4 marks)
- c) Distinguish between historical research and historical methodology. (2 marks)
- d) Explain **three** types of research. (6 marks)
- e) Discuss the significance of historical research to students. (10 marks)
- f) State **three** qualitative research methods frequently used in historical research. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate **three** merits of using one-on-one interviews in historical research. (6 marks)
- b) With examples, discuss various steps in historical research. (10 marks)
- c) Describe the main characteristics of a good report in history. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **five** types of sources of History. (5 marks)
- b) Critically analyze the merits of primary sources of history in Historical research. (6 marks).
- c) Identify **five** major differences between qualitative and quantitative research approaches. (5 marks)
- d) Explain the **two** main types of source criticism. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) “Unwritten sources of History can be problematic in Historical research.”Comment. (7 marks)
- b) Analyze the contribution of internal criticism of sources to a researcher. (5 marks)
- c) Explain **four** reasons why the evaluation of historical sources is important. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) With contemporary examples explore the various principles of ethics for a historical researcher. (6 marks)
- b) Explain **four** features of good writing in history. (4 marks)
- c) Imagine you are conducting historical research on “ Youth Participation in Political Protest in Nairobi County, 2013-2023”. Analyze **five** things that you will do to ensure that the study is in line with the ethics of research. (10 marks)