



(Knowledge for Development)

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 823

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN LITERATURE

DATE: 4TH OCTOBER 2021

TIME: 2:00-4:00

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer any three Questions

1. Demonstrate your understanding of the following research terminologies
 - a) Research design (5marks)
 - b) Qualitative research (5marks)
 - c) Ethical considerations (5marks)
 - d) Statement of the problem (5marks)

2.
 - a) Describe any five qualities of an effective research topic (10marks)
 - b) Critically examine the challenges that are likely to be encountered in the selection of a research title. (10marks)

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of any four data collection techniques likely to be employed during fieldwork. (20marks)

4. Examine the major steps taken in preparation for fieldwork and highlight the potential challenges and solutions to these challenges in the course of collecting data. (20marks)

5. Provide the difference between the following terms as used in research.
 - i) Theoretical and conceptual framework (5marks)
 - ii) Target population and Sample size (5marks)
 - iii) Data collection and data analysis (5marks)
 - iv) Research questions and Research objectives. (5marks)