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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)**

HIST 703: HISTORICAL METHOD I

STREAM: M.A (HISTORY) Y1S1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 2/12/2010

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS.

1. As a researcher in modern-day Kenya, discuss some of the factors that are likely to influence and your choice of a research topic. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. [15 marks]
 2. EITHER
 - (a) Analyse the main components of a historical research proposal. [15 marks]

OR

 - (b) Discuss the importance of literature review and show how it is best conducted. [15 marks]
 3. Explain in detail the process and importance of researching into secondary sources. [15 marks]
 4. Critically examine the usefulness of the following sources of historical data:
 - (a) Internet [5 marks]
 - (b) Material culture [5 marks]
 - (c) Oral traditions [5 marks]
 5. Trace the development and use of the Kenya National Archives and Documentation Centre. [15 marks]
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