

## **COLLEGE**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

## EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)

HIST 704: HISTORICAL METHOD II

STREAM: M.A. HISTORY TIME: 3 HOURS

DAYDATE: THURSDAY 4/8/2011 2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer any four questions.

- 1. Using specific examples, discuss the various ways in which a computer is relevant in historical research.
- 2. Discuss some of the useful steps that should be followed in utilizing the historical method in conducting research.
- 3. What is a source of History? Discuss the various sources and resources available to a historical researcher and highlight the kinds of materials obtained through such sources and resources.
- 4. Discuss some of the core principles and procedures to be adopted by a historical researcher to critique a source and establish its authenticity.
- 5. "Documents are liars. No man ever yet tried to write down the entire truth of any action in which he was engaged" T.E. Lawrence. Discuss the relevance of this quotation to historical criticism and analysis.
- 6. Examine the major components of a good research project or paper and discuss their usefulness to a historical researcher.
- 7. What are the main ethical and professional considerations that a historical researcher should pay attention to in their work?