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**2025\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: ENG311**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any 3 questions (credit will be given to correct use of language)**

1. The importance of undertaking linguistic and literary research cannot be overemphasized in any society. Discuss.
2. Clearly differentiate between primary and secondary sources of research problems.
3. (a) What is qualitative research?  
(b) Explain the methods of qualitative research
4. (a) What is literature review?  
(b) List and briefly explain four (4) functions literature review performs in a research work.
5. Write short notes on any three of the followings:
  - (i) Survey design
  - (ii) Hypothesis
  - (iii) Statement of the problem
  - (iv) Data
  - (v) Research objectives