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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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COURSE CODE: ENG811

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **3 marks** for each question attempted.*)

- Define research and discuss four characteristics of research. 10 marks
  - Give five qualities of a good research. 5 marks
  - Differentiate between Research and Development (R&D) and Case Study research. 5 marks
- Critically examine five research processes in English studies. 10 marks
  - Suggest at least three ways you think the English research processes in NOUN can be improved. 10 marks
- What are research proposals? 5 marks
  - Identify two types of research proposals you know. 5 marks
  - On any topic of your choice, give a clear outline of a research proposal you will write as an MA English student. 10 marks
- As an MA English student, you will likely use research questions rather than research hypotheses. Discuss. 10 marks
  - Your research objectives are expected to be a reflection of your research questions. Discuss. 10 marks
- Doing a review of related literature in your research requires a critical evaluation of the literature you are consulting in order to develop a clear research problem. Critically evaluate this statement and give your detailed view on it. 20 marks.