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FACULTY OF LAW

2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

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PROGRAMME: LL.M

COURSE CODE: LAW 806

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS ONLY. QUESTION NO1.

ONE IS COMPULSORY

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

1. Discuss the structure and components of a standard academic thesis or dissertation. For each of the following sections, explain its purpose, key elements, and common mistakes students make when writing it. 30 marks

2. Write short notes on the following:

- a. Abstract
- b. Literature review
- c. Footnotes
- d. Acknowledgement
- e. Bibliography

20 marks

3. Explain the key steps involved in planning and designing a legal research project and the various tools use in carrying research. Why is a well-structured research plan essential for effective legal research? 20 marks

4. Identify and explain six major types of legal research methods. In your answer, provide a brief example of how each method might be applied in academic study.

20 marks

5. Define legal research and discuss at least four key factors that motivate individuals or institutions to undertake legal research right from the time legal research was introduced in universities. Provide examples to support your answer. 20 marks