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**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2020\_2 EXAMINATION** 1234

**COURSE CODE:           ENG311**  
**COURSE TITLE:         RESEARCH METHODS**  
**CREDIT UNITS:         3**  
**TIME ALLOWED:        THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

1. Linguistics and literary research play a major role in understanding, explaining, controlling and predicting human behavior with regard to language and literary appreciation. Buttress this assertion by identifying at least five functions of linguistics and literary research.
2. Categorize and explain any five (5) good research qualities.
3. Experimental research method is a research method that is used to establish cause-effect relationship among variables. It also involves the manipulation of variables. In light of the above, identify any four (4) reasons why researchers employ experimental method to other methods.
4. Write short notes on the following secondary sources of information for research:
  - i. Personal experience
  - ii. Need to fill up gap
  - iii. previous researches
  - iv. Expert opinion