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(CITY CAMPUS)

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

ADI 801: METHODS OF RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND
DIPLOMACY

DATE: Wednesday, 17th May 2017

TIME: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any FOUR questions

1. Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative methods in IR research.
2. Discuss the place of any three of the following components of a research proposal;
 - (i) Background to the problem
 - (ii) Significance and justification
 - (iii) Theoretical framework
 - (iv) Research methodology
 - (v) Scope and limitations
3. "Documents are liars." To what extent is this statement true in the study of IRD?
4. Illustrating your answer, discuss the pros and the cons of any three sources used by students of international relations and diplomacy to reconstruct historical phenomenon.
5. What do you understand by the term theoretical framework? Discuss the role of theory in IRD research.
6.
 - (a) Briefly explain three ways in which a student of IRD could come up with a researchable topic.
 - (b) Give four characteristics of a research topic in IRD.
 - (c) Briefly differentiate between validity and reliability in IRD research.