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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
AHT 801: METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

DATE: WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2015

TIME: 9.00 P.M. – 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Any Four Questions

1. What is historical research? Use specific examples to discuss the major characteristics of historical research
2. Analyze the major distinctions between external and internal criticism of historical sources.
3. Using specific examples, discuss the view that archival sources are the handmaiden of historical research,
4. What is a research proposal? Highlight any four sections of a research proposal and show how they assist in the research process.
5. In which ways would you argue that historical research is generally qualitative in nature?
6. Using specific examples, discuss the role of Theory in Historical Knowledge production.
7. What are some of the ethical issues that a historical researcher pays attention to while conducting field research?