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INFORMATION SCIENCE

MLIS 503 / MRA 507: RESEARCH METHODS

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DATE: WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2010

TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 NOON

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any **THREE** questions.

1. Discuss the characteristics of a good research topic.
2. Describe the main parts of a research proposal.
3. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of the following research designs. Illustrate your answer with examples.
 - i) Case study
 - ii) Survey
 - iii) Experimental
4. Discuss the circumstances in which the following would be the most appropriate tools for collecting data. Illustrate your answer with examples.
 - i) Questionnaire
 - ii) Telephone survey
 - iii) Observation
- Q.5. Explain the research ethics that would guide you in data collection, analysis and presentation.