



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2014 /2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTERS OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 814

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN LITERATURE

DATE: 20th January 2015

TIME: 2.00-5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

Question 1 is compulsory

1. “As much as research is of necessity expected to use outside sources, this does not at any cost justify ‘Plagiarism’ Discuss. (30 marks)
2. “The real purpose of research is to generate new knowledge”. How does research in literature fulfill this? (15 marks)
3. “At the root of all academic writing there is research, and at the root of all research there is a problem,” (Donders, 1975). Discuss this statement. (15 marks)
4. Explain the processes of data collection and handling in a literary research. (15 marks)
5. With appropriate examples, differentiate between research methods in literary research and research methodology. (15 marks)
6. Discuss ‘hypothesis as the roadmap to any research process. (15 marks)
7. “Academic writing has to put at the fore the need to use appropriate ‘forms of academic discourse’ in presenting research findings”. Comment, with relevant examples. (15 marks)