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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: LLM

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Course Code: GLC 803

Course Title: **Legal Research Methods and Report Writing**

Instructions:

- i. Answer any **Four Questions**, each Question carries **17.5marks**.
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**
- iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.
- v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

Question One

- A. What do you understand by **Abstract? (7.5 marks)**
- B. Highlight and explain (5) four components of an Abstract in line with the *NILDS/UNIBEN* Abstract Guidelines. **(5 marks)**
- C. Explain what you understand by a research proposal, highlighting 5 key components of a good research proposal. **(5 marks)**

Question Two

- A. Briefly explain what you understand by a literature review and highlight **5 (five) key functions** of a literature review. **(10 marks)**
- B. Highlight and discuss (2) **two** possible ways of structuring a literature review and any (2) two possible ways of analyzing/synthesizing literature. **(7.5 marks)**

Question Three

- A. List and explain **(5) Five** common sources of literature in a legal research. **(7.5 marks)**
- B. List and explain **(3)** three primary sources of Data (Total of 6) in each of Doctrinal and Empirical Research. **(10 marks)**

Question Four

- A. Data collection is a means of gathering information on variable of interest in an established systematic fashion that enables one to answer stated research questions, test hypotheses and evaluate outcomes. Discuss this statement in connection with the meaning, types and the rules governing techniques as means of data collection. **(10 marks)**
- B. Mention three differences between doctrinal and non-doctrinal legal research **(7.5 marks)**

Question Five

- A. (i) State and briefly explain the basic elements and characteristics of a good legal research
- (ii) With aid of examples briefly explain how to draft a good research topic and factors to be considered in selecting a research topic.
- (iii) **State and explain** briefly the attributes to be considered in choosing a researchable topic. **(12 marks)**
- C. The concept of 'defence' in academic writing presupposes 'attack' as there cannot be a defence without an attack. Briefly explain the coping strategies in legal research. **(5.5 marks)**

Question Six

- A. Understanding research philosophy and theory in legal research arose from an understanding that all things in the universe are not static. A legal research needs schematic and mechanisms to be put in place for structure of the output. With the aid of philosophical questions, briefly explain the mechanism and strategy for discovering any knowledge and the study of such knowledge? **(10 marks)**
- B. You are a legal researcher who wants to carry out a fieldwork survey on the adequacy or otherwise of any legal regime, describe what ethical issues that you will contextually put into consideration? **(7.5 marks)**