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**SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

Programme: **LLM**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

Course Code: **GLC 804**

Course Title: - **Legal Research Methodology**

**Instruction:** i. Answer any **4 questions**, each question carries equal marks.

- ii. Time allowed: **3 hours**    iii. Write your **Matriculation Number Only**  
iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

**Question One**

a. Explain what you understand by a research proposal. **(7.5 marks)**

b. Highlight and briefly explain the key contents of a good research proposal. **(10 marks)**

**Question Two**

a. Briefly explain what you understand by literature review and highlight 5 key functions of literature review. **(10 marks)**

b. Highlight and discuss five key features of a good literature review. **(7.5 marks)**

**Question Three**

a. List and explain 5 common sources of literature in legal research (*State whether Doctrinal or Non-Doctrinal*). **(7.5 marks)**

- b. When conducting literature search, list and discuss the four key stages in the literature search process. **(10 marks)**

#### **Question Four**

Discuss ANY TWO of the following data analysis approaches:

- a. Content Analysis
- b. Normative Analysis
- c. Critical Analysis

**(17.5 Marks)**

#### **Question Five**

**NOTE:** You are required to relate your answers to the chosen research topic.

- a. **Research Topic 1:** *'Plain Language drafting in the National Assembly: An examination of sanctioning provisions in Acts passed between 2011 and 2015. – Doctrinal Research*
- b. **Research Topic 1:** *'Limitations to effective Legislative Drafting: A case study of Delta State Legislative Drafting Department of the Ministry of Justice.*

a. Explain ONE of the following research strategies: Survey, Case Study, Action Research and Observation. **(9 marks)**

b. State **WITH AT LEAST FOUR REASONS** which of the above research strategies, in your opinion, would be best suited for your chosen research topic from topics a and b above. **(8.5 marks)**

#### **Question Six**

**LIST and EXPLAIN Four (4) attributes of a good research Topic. (17.5 marks)**