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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

COURSE CODE: ENG311

COURSE TITLE: Research Methods

Time: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any three questions of your choice.

1. Explain what you understand by research and mention the necessary steps you will undertake to carry out a research.
2. Explain the characteristics of a good research topic.
3. Formulate a researchable research topic and design the research with the following types of qualitative research design:
 - (i) Ethnography
 - (ii) Phenomenological paradigm.
4. What are extraneous variables and how are they controlled?
5. (a) Give a full description of the MLA style sheet.
(b) Give ten different examples of the MLA end referencing style.