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MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

ENG311: Research Methods  
Time Allowed: 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. Differentiate between MLA and APA format of referencing.