KAIMOSI FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOR THE DEGREE OF MA (HISTORY)

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

COURSE CODE: HIS 801

DAY/DATE: FRDAY,19TH JUNE 2026 **TIME:** 9.00-12.00NOON

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. Answer **QUESTION ONE** and **ANY OTHER TWO** from the choices given.
2. Phones, smart watches, ear phones or any other unauthorized digital and AI gadgets and applications are **NOT ALLOWED IN** the examination room.
3. Answer all questions in the exam answer booklet provided.
4. Do not write on this question paper.
5. All KAFU examination rules and regulations apply.
6. DURATION OF EXAMINATION: **THREE(3) HOURS**

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QUESTION ONE

Distinguish the main characteristics of historical research. **(Marks 20)**

QUESTION TWO

Analyze the merits and demerits of various sources of historical research. **(Marks 20)**

QUESTION THREE

Identify and explain the steps in historical research. **(Marks 20)**

QUESTION FOUR

Examine the distinctions between qualitative and quantitative methods in historical research. **(Marks 20)**

QUESTION FIVE

Analyze the role of theory in historical research. **(Marks 20)**

QUESTION SIX

Discuss the basic contents of a research proposal. **(Marks 20)**