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CHAPTER FIVE

**USE OF ISLAMIC
MANUSCRIPTS AMONG
HUMANITIES
RESEARCHERS IN ISTAC**

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Introduction

According to the Universal Encyclopedia, manuscripts (*Latin Manu*, by hand *scriptus*, written) are documents or books written by hand on a flexible material such as parchment or paper, usually in ink as opposed to printed matter, and to 'INSCRIPTIONS' which are writings cited on hard materials, such as stone, metal, or pottery (Collingwood, 1996). The word manuscript is also used for oriental books written by hand on materials such as palm leaves, strips of bamboo, or bark, and pictorial painted on deerskin or other materials (Khan, 2008). Historically, handwritten manuscripts were the major records of human history for almost 5,000 years before printing was invented. Since then, due to