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SHORT COURSES

ACML 202 /AJPE 202: RESEARCH METHODS

Date: 25th June 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) You have been hired by Nairobi County Government in Kenya to conduct research and write a report on the status of women empowerment in the country. Based on this, formulate the following;
- i. A clear study problem **(2mks)**
 - ii. A brief introduction/background of the study problem **(2mks)**
 - iii. A clear problem statement **(5mks)**
 - iv. **Three** research objectives that will guide your study **(6mks)**
 - v. **Three** research questions that will guide your study **(6mks)**
 - vi. Justify why it is important to carry out this research **(2mks)**

- b) Highlight any five limitations that you are likely to encounter in the process of conducting this research **(10mks)**
- Q2 a) Explain any five ethical considerations for the study conducted above **(10mks)**
- b) Citing its major weaknesses, discuss participant observation as a method of data collection in research **(10mks)**
- Q3. Access to research participants is often a key challenge in qualitative research. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of ethnography and telephone interviews as research methods, with specific reference to gaining access to research participants **(20mks)**
- Q4 a) Define a sample size and show how you would select a true representative sample, given a total population of 4000 people **(10mks)**
- b) Explain characteristics of good research objectives **(10mks)**

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