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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR/ODEL PROGRAMME

SSW 208/SNT 206/BIR 203/SPO 202/DIR 200/SSO 206/SDS 201: BASIC RESEARCH METHODS

Date: APRIL 2022

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any Other TWO Questions

Q1. You are a student in the research methodology class at Catholic University. You are required to choose a topic that you are interested in studying and develop a research proposal based on that topic. Briefly write the proposal and be sure to include all the main components of a research proposal.

(30mks)

Q2. a) Discuss five reasons why it is important to write a research proposal before engaging in any field research exercise **(10 marks)**

b) Explain the meaning of research design and briefly elaborate five types **(10 marks)**

Q3. a) Mention the five attributes of an objective **(5 marks)**

b) Using an example, distinguish between deductive and inductive reasoning **(5 marks)**

c) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research in terms of purpose, method, data sources, data analysis and results

(10 marks)

Q4. a) Write brief notes on four methods of qualitative data collection **(8 Marks)**

b) State and explain the steps involved in conducting a literature review? **(12 marks)**

Q5. a) Outline the procedure of conducting research **(10 marks)**

b) Describe the merits and demerits of observation as a data collection method

(10 marks)

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