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CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ETHICS

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

MJPC 500: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Date: APRIL 2017

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ANY FOUR Questions

Q1. “Effect of climate change on livelihood strategies of Fisher folk along Dunga beach in Lake Victoria Kisumu Kenya”. This research title is presented to you to critique based on the qualities of a good and effective title.

- a) List any four qualities of a good and effective title **(8Marks)**
- b) Develop the independent and the dependent variables **(4Marks)**
- c) Does the research title meet the qualities? Explain your answer **(8Marks)**

Q2. With relevant examples, discuss the major philosophical tenets of the following research Paradigms

- a) Positivism **(5marks)**
- b) Constructivism **(5marks)**
- c) Interpretivism **(5marks)**
- d) Post-positivism **(5marks)**

Q3. Reference the following books and journals in the APA 6th edition style of reference

- i. Author: Simon Kang'ethe
Book: Educational Research Methods
Publisher: CUEA Press
Year of publication: 2013
City: Nairobi **(2.5marks)**
- ii. Authors: Kellen Kiambati and Julius Itunga
Book: Business Research Methods

Publisher: Kenhill Consultants

Year of Publication: 2014

City: Nairobi

(2.5Marks)

- iii. Author: Patrick Hodkinson
Title: Research as a form of work: Expertise, community and methodological objectivity.
Name of the journal: British Educational Research Journal.
Vol: 30 (1)
Page: 9-26 **(2.5Marks)**
- iv. Explain any two Quantitative research designs clearly showing how each is relevant in social research. **(10 marks)**
- Q4. Explain any FIVE ethical considerations a researcher ought to consider in social research, clearly showing how you would use them in research **(20Marks)**
- Q5. a) Describe any four purposes of literature review in research **(10Marks)**
b) Explain any four techniques used in literature review **(10Marks)**
- Q6. a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using the following data collection instruments
i) Questionnaires **(5marks)**
ii) Interview schedules **(5marks)**
b) Explain any two non-probability sampling techniques **(10marks)**

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