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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY - JULY 2016 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SDS 201: RESEARCH METHODS

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define the following terms
- i Research (5 marks)
 - ii Hypothesis (5 marks)
- b) State the purpose of research in development. (5 marks)
- c) Outline the differences between scientific methods of acquiring knowledge and everyday ways of knowing. (10 marks)
- d) State the paradigms behind research methods. (5 marks)
- Q2. Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative paradigms. (20 marks)
- Q3. Explain the stages of academic research process. (20 marks)
- Q4. Discuss FIVE designs used in qualitative and quantitative paradigms. (20 marks)
- Q5. State THREE data collection instruments and explain their use in research studies. (20 marks)

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