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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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REGULAR PROGRAMME

**SDS 201: RESEARCH METHODS
SSO 206: BASIC RESEARCH METHODS**

Date: DECEMBER 2016

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1 Explain the following:
- a) Research problem (10 marks)
 - b) Theoretical framework (10 marks)
 - b) Conceptual framework (10 marks)
- Q2 Briefly describe the different steps involved in the research process (20 marks)
- Q3 Explain the importance of literature review while undertaking research (20 marks)
- Q4 Distinguish between:
- a) Restricted and unrestricted sampling (5 marks)
 - b) Convenience and purposive sampling (5 marks)
 - c) Systematic and stratified sampling (5 marks)
 - d) Cluster and area sampling (5 marks)
- Q5
- a) Enumerate the different methods of collecting data. (7 marks)
 - b) Which one is the most suitable for conducting an inquiry regarding poverty in your country? (5 marks)
 - c) Explain its merits and demerits (8 marks)

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