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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

PART TIME PROGRAMME

GEO 311: RESEARCH METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY

Date: APRIL 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer TWO Questions. Question ONE is COMPULSORY

- Q1. A geography class was tasked with carrying out a study on the social effects on the enrollment and retention of girls pupils in your school. As a participant in the study, briefly present the following component of the above study.
- a) A brief background to the study **(3 marks)**
 - b) Statement of the problem **(3 marks)**
 - c) Research objectives **(2 marks)**
 - d) Significance of the study **(4 marks)**
 - e) Research methodology **(8 marks)**
- Q2. a) Elaborate on different ways of identifying a research problem in geography **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain any five main issues a researcher must consider during literature review **(10 marks)**
- Q3. a) Explain the main probability sampling used in geography **(12 marks)**
- b) Examine any four challenges that might be experienced during data analysis **(8 marks)**
- Q4. Discuss questionnaire as the main research tool used in social sciences **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Discuss the main research approaches used in geographic study **(20 marks)**

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