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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SSO 206: BASIC RESEARCH METHODS

Date: APRIL 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1. You have decided to conduct a research on **dating violence among University students**. Do the following;

- i) Come up with a clear statement of the problem for the study **(3 marks)**
- ii) What kind of research design would you use for the study? **(3 marks)**
- iii) Give **three** reasons to explain the choice of research design. **(6 marks)**
- iv) From the statement of the problem, identify **three** objectives that will guide the study **(6 marks)**
- v) Construct **three** hypotheses OR research questions to guide the study. **(6 marks)**
- vi) Identify the variables/concepts in your hypotheses or research questions as the case might be. **(6marks)**

- Q2. a) Explain the criteria that defines a good research topic. **(5 marks)**
- b) Using examples, discuss the main sources of good research topics/problems. **(15 marks)**

- Q3. a) What does a review of literature entail? **(5 marks)**

- b) Identify and discuss the main sources of literature in research. **(15 marks)**
- Q4. a) When do researchers use secondary data? **(5 marks)**
- b) With illustrations, discuss the types of secondary data that can be used in research. **(15 marks)**
- Q5. Briefly, discuss the following;
- a) Use of theory in research **(7 marks)**
 - b) The objectives of a study **(7 marks)**
 - c) The justification of a study **(6 marks)**

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