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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR: **2020/2021**

UNIT NAME: **RESEARCH METHODS**

SEMESTER: **JAN-APRIL 2021**

UNIT CODE: **DBM 200**

DATE: **APRIL 2021**

TIME: **1.5 HOURS**

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one (30 marks) and any other two

### **SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

#### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define research **(3 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the characteristics of a good research process **(12 Marks)**
- c) Explain from the viewpoint of objectives how a research can be classified **(15 Marks)**

### **SECTION B: CHOOSE ONE QUESTION (15 Marks)**

#### **QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

- a) List the steps taken in the research process **(5 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the considerations in selecting a research problem **(10 Marks)**

#### **QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

Discuss three methods of data collection. Highlight their advantages and limitations **(15 Marks)**

### **SECTION C: CHOOSE ONE QUESTION (15 Marks)**

#### **QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)**

During data collections there are certain ethical issues that should be considered. Discuss in detail the ones applying to the researcher **(15 Marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)**

Briefly explain the following terms used in a sampling technique:

**(15 Marks)**

- a) Simple Random Sample
- b) Stratified Random Sample
- c) Cluster Sample
- d) Convenience Sample
- e) Judgment Sample
- f) Quota Sample