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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

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UNIT NAME: RESEARCH METHODS

SEMESTER: MAY- AUGUST 2021

UNIT CODE: RSCH 3110

DATE: AUGUST 2021

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY 30 MARKS)

- In writing a research proposal, literature review is a very important chapter. Explain the purpose of literature review in any research project (10 marks)
- Research design can be thought of as the structure of research. Discuss five types of research designs (10 marks)
- A sample is a representation of the entire study population. Explain five methods of sampling that can be used to pick a sample (10 marks)

Question Two

- Briefly explain five characteristics of a good research (10 marks)
- There are several ways of identifying a specific research problem from the broad area. Explain any **five** sources of research topics (10 marks)

Question Three

- Research objectives are those specific issues within the scope of the stated purpose that the researcher wants to focus upon and examine in the study. Briefly explain the five characteristics of research objectives (10 marks)
- Highlight five sources of secondary data (5 marks)
- Differentiate between validity and reliability in research (5 marks)

Question Four

- Compare and contrast Observation and interview methods of data collection (5 marks)
- The research methodology is a crucial part of the research project. Highlight and explain the basic components of the research methodology chapter in any research proposal (10 marks)
- What would be the most likely limitations of a study? Outline the delimitations that you would put in place (5 marks)

