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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT /
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING
PSYCHOLOGY**

COURSE CODE: SAS 201

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
METHODS**

DATE: 6TH JANUARY 2025

TIME: 14:00pm - 17: 00 pm

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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MAIN-REGULAR EXAMS

SAS 201: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS

STREAM: SAS

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- I. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.*
- II. Do not write on the question paper.*

Question One

- a) State FOUR sources of research ideas for a researcher. (4 Marks)
- b) Highlight FOUR tools that can be used to collect data. (4 Marks)
- c) Define the following concepts as used in research.
 - i. Literature Review (2 Marks)
 - ii. Research methodology (2 Marks)
- d) State any FOUR considerations in selecting a research problem for study. (4 Marks)
- e) State factors that can affect the quality of research output. (4 Marks)
- f) Define and compare quantitative and qualitative research providing examples of when each might be appropriately used in a study (10 marks)

Question two

- a) Distinguish between research methods and research methodology. (6 marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the scientific research process. (14 marks)

Question Three

- Explain THREE advantages and TWO Disadvantages of sampling during data collection (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the TWO main sampling techniques (5 marks)
 - c) Outline FIVE situations when large samples may be required (5 marks)

Question four

- a) Explain FIVE reasons why hypothesis is important in research (10 marks)
- b) Discuss TWO types of alternative hypothesis (5 marks)
- c) Highlight FIVE characteristics of a good hypothesis (5 marks)

Question Five

- a) Explain FIVE reasons why literature review is important in the research process.
(10 marks)
- b) Identify FIVE sources of literature available for researchers (5 marks)
- c) Highlight FIVE factors to consider when selecting a research topic (5 marks)