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EXAMINATION PAPER

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Development Studies

COURSE CODE : ADS 223
COURSE TITLE : Research Methods
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 10 APR 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Section A question is compulsory.
2. Answer any other TWO questions from Section B.
3. Each question carries equal marks.
4. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.

Section A

1. Mbire Development Association is partnering with an international donor organisation to implement community development projects in the district. The two organisations engage your university and proposes to fund a good research proposal from amongst you students for field work. Write a good research proposal on any development science topic of your choice but relevant to Mbire area and submit it to Mbire Development Association for assessment. The organisation require that you follow the research proposal guidelines learnt in class.

Section B

2. You have been identified to be an expert in mixed methods research design. Produce a write up which articulate what mixed methods is all about. Why is it chosen as the appropriate research design in some instances and sideline in other situations?

3. As part of your course work, you were requested to carry out a study amongst ZEGU student population. However, you cannot interview all students, hence, the need for sampling. Generate an essay in which you describe how you will do your sampling. Your write up should define what sampling is and zeroing on two techniques, describe how these techniques are used as well as their advantages.

4. As a competent research student, make a choice of three data collection instruments or tools which you will use during data collection for your dissertation. Write the advantages and disadvantages of the tools?

5. What is data analysis? Chose a data analysis technique which you will use in your study. Describe how that technique is used, its advantages and disadvantages.

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