

# ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY

## FACULTY OF HERITAGE, HUMANITIES AND SOCIETAL ADVANCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT

### EXAMINATION PAPER

Diploma in Project planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

LEVEL 1.2

COURSE CODE : DPME108  
COURSE TITLE : Impact Assessment Designs  
DURATION : 3 Hours  
DATE : 10 JUN 2024

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any **THREE** questions only.
2. Each question carries 25 Marks.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.
4. Use relevant examples or case studies in answering your questions

1. Randomized Field Experiments are the "gold standard" of experimental Impact Assessment Designs and offer the best strategy for obtaining evidence concerning cause and effect relationships. However there are limitations associated with Random Field Experiments. Discuss these views in relation to an intervention of your choice.
2. Compare and contrast the following:
  - i. outcome and impact
  - ii. input and output
  - iii. goal and objective
  - iv. assessment and evaluation
3. Impact assessment is a critical process in social development; however it has been ignored by many development agents because of numerous challenges. In view of this assertion, discuss the merits of impact assessment and challenges face by organizations conducting impact assessment suggesting strategies to mitigate these challenges.
4. Threats to validity are common in evaluative researches. Discuss some of the possible threats to validity and suggest possible means of countering these.
5. Examine the differences between true experiment and natural experiments as used in monitoring, evaluation and impact assessments.

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