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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

**EXAMINATION PAPER**

**MODULE CODE** : BSSW 214  
**MODULE TITLE** : SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS 1  
**DURATION** : 3 HOURS  
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer any **three (3)** questions.
2. Each question carries equal marks
3. Start each question on a new page.
4. This paper consists of two (2) pages.

1. With reference to practical examples, examine how social research can be used to address challenges facing developing nations.
2. Using practical examples, discuss the utility qualitative research approach when conducting a study on '**socio-economic challenges contributing to drug and substance abuse**'.
3. With reference to practical examples, assess the significance of sampling in qualitative research.
4. With reference to practical examples, illustrate the strengths and weaknesses of participant observation.
5. Using practical examples, examine key ethical principles researchers must follow when conducting social research.

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