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**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING AND MANAGEMENT**

**EXAMINATION PAPER**

**Master of Science Degree in Development Studies**

**COURSE CODE** : MSDS112  
**COURSE TITLE** : Advanced Social Research Methods  
**DURATION** : 3 Hours  
**DATE** : 11 APR 2025

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer one question from section A. It is compulsory.
2. Answer any 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. You have oversight responsibility over DAPP an international non organisations which have operations in Mashonaland Central Province, Zimbabwe. The Carter Foundation requested that you provide a research funding proposal for its programme that help vulnerable households in the province. You will present the proposal at a forth coming research symposium in June 2025. Come up with a tentative research topic and provide the details of how the research will be conducted and convince the Carter Foundation that the study is viable. .

2. Develop a research proposal on any development science topic of your choice. Pay particular consideration to appropriateness of topic, all the aspects of a proposal and numbering.

### **Section B**

3 Debate the politics of global research, the North versus the South showing why researchers from the North flock to the South for field work and why it is difficult for those in the South to penetrate the northern spaces.

4. Engage in a discussion on how to choose a research population and selection of sampling techniques. Use two sampling techniques and show they are used highlighting their advantages.

5. Discuss the assertion that, 'Ethics in research are too Eurocentric and out of step with contemporary researches especially in Africa'.

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