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MODULE CODE : BSSW 214
MODULE TITLE : SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS 1
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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 the challenges that can be encountered when conducting social research
2. Using practical examples, discuss how ontology influence the choice of research methodology
3. With reference to practical examples, assess the strengths and weaknesses of non-probability sampling.
4. With reference to practical examples, illustrate the strengths and weaknesses of in-depth interviews
5. Using practical examples, examine the significance of **any FIVE** ethical principles researchers must follow when conducting social research.

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