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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BSc. in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
Management Year III

COURSE CODE: AEM 305

TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2): HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ALL FOUR QUESTIONS
2. EACH QUESTIONS CARRIES 25 POINTS

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Question 1

- a) What is research and what are the main criteria for selecting a research topic? **15 MARKS**
- b) What are the characteristics of a good research? **10 MARKS**

Question 2

- a) Discuss briefly on the principles and standards that social researchers must comply with as a guide for meaningful research work. **15 MARKS**
- b) Differentiate between the following concepts
- i. Population and sample. **5 MARKS**
 - ii. Sampling units and sampling frame. **5 MARKS**

Question 3

- a) What do you understand by literature review and why is literature review important in the process of conducting research? **10 MARKS**
- b) Clearly distinguish between references and bibliography, and what are the uses of references and bibliography? **15 MARKS**

Question 4

- a) List and discuss the main components of a research proposal? **19 MARKS**
- b) Using the American Psychological Association (APA) format write the following references correctly **6 MARKS**
- i. *Journal of Social Studies*. Minja, G.A. (2007). 5(2), 230-259. Domestic Gender-based Violence in Rural Tanzania.
 - ii. Bond, I. (2004). Accessed on 21 September 2007. <http://www.bond.com> Guidance Notes: Beginner's Guide to Logical Framework Analysis. (On-line) Available
 - iii. Okuda, M., and Okuda, D. New York: Pocket Books. *Star trek chronology: The History of the Future*. (1993).