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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

**PROGRAMME : BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME  
ECONOMICS AND HOME  
ECONOMICS EDUCATION YEAR IV**

**COURSE CODE : FRHD 403**

**TITLE OF PAPER : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THE  
FAMILY**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1)  
AND ANY OTHER (2) QUESTIONS**

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**Question 1 (Compulsory)**

- a) Discuss the principles of qualitative methods make the more suitable for studying contemporary family issues than quantitative methods.  
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- b) “The very strengths and contributions of qualitative methods can conversely be weaknesses if they are used badly for superficial analysis”. I identify any four of such strengths and explain how you would guard against potential weaknesses when conducting research in family/human development issues.

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**Question 2**

- a) Identify and describe any five types of cases study and explain their usefulness in research on the family.  
(15)
- b) Identify a contemporary family issue and illustrate how you could use the case study approach to research/investigate the issue.

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**Question 3**

Discuss the contributions of SEAGA (Socio-Economic Analysis and Gender Analysis) as an ideological and analytical approach in issue related to livelihoods and human development.

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**Question 4**

It has been said that society is very often ill-equipped to deal with “Contemporary Issues in the Family”.

Identify any contemporary issue pertaining to the family and discuss the its prevalence, causes, challenges, and effects on the family and society.

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