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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMME : BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HOME
ECONOMICS YEAR IV 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)

“The very strengths and contributions of qualitative methods can conversely be weaknesses if they are used badly for superficial analysis”

- a) Identify and discuss any four of such strengths. (20 marks)
- b) For each of these strengths identify the potential weaknesses and explain in detail how you would guard against them when conducting research in family/human development issues. (20 marks)

[Total marks = 40]

QUESTION 2

Identify any five types of case studies and explain their usefulness when doing research in contemporary issues in the family and human development.

[Total marks = 30]

QUESTION 3

“SEAGA (Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis) is both an *analytical* and *ideological* approach.....”

Discuss this statement in detail, giving examples where appropriate.

[Total marks = 30]

QUESTION 4

You have been tasked to give a talk on “Good Practice in conducting qualitative research in family and human development issues”. Outline and explain what you would say about good practice in qualitative interviews and observation.

[Total marks = 30]