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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

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TITLE OF PAPER : RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE : BA 300 /301 FULL TIME and/ IDE

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER IS FIVE**
 - 2. SECTION A IS COMPULSORY.**
 - 3. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**
 - 4. THE MARKS TO BE AWARDED FOR EACH QUESTION ARE INDICATED ALONGSIDE THE QUESTION.**

NOTE: MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH, AS WELL AS FOR ORDERLY AND NEAT PRESENTATION OF WORK. FURTHER MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR USE OF RELEVANT EXAMPLES.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

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SECTION A

A certain Grade 10 teacher wants to test whether the Grade 10 learners in the school perform better when they write a test on a Monday than when they write it on a Friday. Two groups of learners were randomly selected – one group was given the test on a Monday and the other was given the test on a Friday. The results of the analysis of the data from this setup are given below Table 1

Table 1

Group	N	Mean rank	Sum of ranks
Monday	10	11.90	119.00
Friday	9	7.89	71.00
Total	19		

- a) Explain Table 1 **10 marks**
- Topic “The use of the library by distance education students”
- b) Develop a problem statement based on the above topic? **5 marks**
- c) Develop 4 research objectives **10 marks**

SECTION B

Question 2

Discuss the different types of errors and state how you can avoid them **25 marks**

Question 3

- i Why is the literature review important to the reader and the writer **20 marks**
- ii Why is it important to reference your work? **5 marks**

Question 4

- i Discuss the 4 reliability methods **20 marks**
- ii What is face validity **5 marks**

Question 5

What do you understand by grounded theory **25 marks**