

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATIONS 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

COURSE CODE: ENG 307/ IDE-ENG 307

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer TWO questions: Question One and any other question.
2. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Number your answers appropriately.
4. Close attention should be paid to content, organisation, expression and mechanical accuracy in the essay type questions.
5. This paper is 3 pages long; cover page included.

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Question 1 (30 marks)

- a. Explain at least two ways in which the MLA takes care of **intra-textual citations** (7 marks).
- b. Explain the basic arrangement format of entries in the **Works Cited** in the MLA style sheet (8 marks);
- c. Prepare a **Works Cited** page, to include the following entries (15 marks):
 - (i) Dr A.O. Idodoh-Umeh published a book in January 2006. The publishers are Eagle Press pty based in Pretoria, South Africa. The title of the book is THE EAGLE ON THE IROKO. The book's sub-title is A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR CHINUA ACHEBE, AFRICA'S GREAT NOVELIST.
 - (ii) Sipho Johnson Dlamini graduated from the Department of English Language and Literature, University of California, at Santa Barbara, in May 2008. He wrote a research project in fulfilment of the BA Honours qualification. The title of his unpublished project is A STYLISTIC ANALYSIS OF STANDARD CHRISTIAN PRAYERS.
 - (iii) My friend Professor John R. Karsnitz has at last published his book. Its title is GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY. Its publishers are based in Albany, New York, and are called DELMAR PUBLISHERS INC. The second edition of the book appeared in 1993.
 - (iv) Dr Joya Uraizee wrote a beautiful article which appeared in a book of readings called BLACK WOMEN WRITERS ACROSS CULTURES, published in 2007 by Josiphath Press at Mbabane, Swaziland. The book has been edited by four persons, namely Valentine Udoh James, James S. Etim, Melanie Marshall James, and Ambe J. Njoh. Dr Uraizee's paper has a curious title: BUCHI EMECHETA AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER. It appeared between pages 171 and 206.
 - (v) I found Professor Richard Rooney's article in the journal called LWATI: A JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY RESEARCH. It is in volume five of June 2008. You will see it between pages 429 and 441. It has a funny title: SWAZI JOURNALISM AND THE 'MUSLIM THREAT.'

Question 2 (30 marks)

Write short explanatory notes on each of the following:

- a. Types and importance of **abstracts** (10 marks);
- b. The importance of the **review of related literature** (10 marks).
- c. **Methodology** in research (10 marks)

Question 3 (30 marks)

Research divides the process of inquiry into two broad categories: **qualitative** and **quantitative**.

- a. **State** five (5) differences between qualitative and quantitative research (10 marks).
- b. Explain **one** qualitative OR **one** quantitative research method with regard to its components and procedures (10 marks).
- c. **Formulate a research problem** that may be investigated using either a qualitative OR a quantitative research method (5 marks).
- d. **Delineate and define** the essential aspects of the problem (5 marks)

Question 4 (30 marks)

Research reporting can be properly or badly done. There are therefore rules of propriety in research reporting. Explain the **ethical considerations** governing research in general and research reporting in particular.
