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TITLE OF PAPER : Research Methodology
COURSE CODE : TRS 300
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Choose and answer **three (3)** questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

All questions are worth 25 marks.

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TRS 300 (S) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, JULY 2012**Question 1**

Explain the characteristics of the scientific method of enquiry in relation to social research. [25]

Question 2

Discuss some of the politics that surround research activity. [25]

Question 3

Outline and explain distinct stages of the research process. [25]

Question 4

How does commission of plagiarism in research negatively affect published research outputs and consumers of research? [25]

Question 5

Briefly describe various contexts from which research ideas can originate. [25]

Question 6

Identify and discuss advantages and disadvantages of **one** of the following data collection methods:

- a. Survey questionnaire;
- b. Face-to-face in-depth oral interview;
- c. Focus group discussion;
- d. Case study;
- e. Document analysis.

[25]

Question 7

Identify and describe some factors that contribute to a good oral presentation either at the stage of presenting a proposal or that of presenting the research report. [25]

Question 8

What could be some of the inadequacies of the methodology section in a research report?
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