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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES**

CRSS 804: METHODS OF RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STREAMS:

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 8/4/2021

11.30 AM – 1.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question One and any other Two.

Q1. You are an Officer Commanding Police Station. Recently, over 100 cases of domestic violence have been reported at your station. This has alarmed you greatly. As a trained Criminologist, you set out to find out why:

- (i) Give a title to your study. [2 Marks]
- (ii) Operationalize two key concepts in your study. [2 Marks]
- (iii) State one question you would set out to answer. [2 Marks]
- (iv) State Independent and Dependent variables of your study. [4 Marks]
- (v) What sampling method would use and why? [5 Marks]
- (vi) What data collection method would you use and why? [5 Marks]
- (vii) Justify your choice of data analysis method. [10 Marks]

Q2. “Methodological pluralism involves combining aspects of different research methodologies, such as quantitative and qualitative methods.” Discuss. [20 Marks]

Q3. (a) Distinguish between probability and non-probability sampling. [4 Marks]
(b) Discuss two types of probability and non-probability sampling and when it would be appropriate to use each one citing relevant examples. [16 Marks]

Q4. Victim Surveys and self-report surveys are unique to gathering crime data. Discuss some of their problems and benefits as data gathering strategy. [20 Marks]

Q5.” Ethics refers to the morality of doing something. Ethical considerations apply to choices about the type of research being undertaken”

Discuss ethical consideration in terms of.

- (i) Legal considerations [6 Marks]
- (ii) Safety [6 Marks]
- (iii) Ethical practice [8 Marks]

Q.6. Explain and assess the view that the strengthens of using official crime statistics outweigh their limitations. [20 Marks]

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