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RESIT/SPECIAL**

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SOCI 352: METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH II

STREAMS: BSC

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 04/02/2021

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY. ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

- Q1. You have been assigned to do a field research on the aged. Because you are much younger than the group you are to study and do not feel comfortable joining them in their activities, you decide to remain an outsider.
- (a) Is your choice an ethical one? (5 marks)
 - (b) How might it affect the results of your study? (6 marks)
 - (c) What might be a better way of studying them? (14 marks)
- Q2. Identify and describe five differences between studying people and studying natural objects. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss three characteristics of science using appropriate examples (15 marks)
- Q3. Write short notes on the following sampling methods.
- (a) Simple random sampling (3 marks)
 - (b) Stratified random sampling (3 marks)
 - (c) Snow ball sampling (3 marks)
 - (d) Case study (3 marks)

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- (b) Discuss the problems you might encounter if you had been assigned to study Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles among Chuka University students. How would offer solutions to the problems you have encountered. (13 marks)
- Q4. Assess the strengths and limitations of questionnaire in research (25 marks)
- Q5. (a) Distinguish between validity and reliability in research. (4 marks)
- (b) Describe three examples of secondary data. (6 marks)
- (c) Assess the usefulness of secondary data in research. (15 marks)
- Q6. Discuss the usefulness of quantitative and qualitative data (25 marks)
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