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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

ECDE 417: RESEARCH IN CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 06/12/2018

2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Do not write on the question paper**
- **Answer question one and any other two**

1. (a) In four ways, discuss the importance of research in child and family studies.
[12 marks]
- (b) Discuss the steps involved in the interview technique of data collection.
[12 marks]
- (c) Explain any four sources of research problems.
[8 marks]
2. (a) Justify the need of the following ethical considerations in research .
 - (i) Plagiarism [5 marks]
 - (ii) Confidentiality [5 marks]
 - (iii) Permission to interview children [4 marks]
- (b) Citing relevant examples, distinguish between primary and secondary sources of literature in research.
[6 marks]
3. Briefly discuss the following types of research designs.
 - (a) Case studies [5 marks]
 - (b) Correlational research [5 marks]
 - (c) Experimental research [5 marks]
 - (d) Ethnographic research [5marks]

4. (a) You want to conduct research using children with special needs as the population of the study. Discuss how you can use snowball sampling to obtain the study sample.

[5 marks]

- (b) Describe any five tools that can be used for observation during data collection.

[15 marks]
