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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL WORK**

**SOWK 00217: RESEARCH METHODS**

**STREAMS: CERT (SOWK)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 05/08/2019**

**8.30 AM – 10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer Question One (Compulsory) and any other Two**

**Question One**

- (a) Define these terms as used in research. [10 marks]
- (i) Research
  - (ii) Research proposal
  - (iii) Sample
  - (iv) Hypothesis
  - (v) Research ethics
- (b) Outline 3 benefits of research to the society. [6 marks]
- (c) Identify 4 problems that researchers face. [8 marks]
- (d) Differentiate these terms [6 marks]
- (i) Data collection and data analysis
  - (ii) Validity and reliability

**Question Two**

- (a) Explain the 4 steps of doing research. [8 mark]
- (b) List down any 4 tools you can use to collect data. [4 marks]

- (c) Identify 4 characteristics of good research. [8 marks]

**Question Three**

- (a) Come up with a research study topic and clearly point out the following. [10 marks]

- (i) Dependent variable
- (ii) Independent variable
- (iii) Scope of the study
- (iv) Population

- (b) Outline purposes of carrying out research. [10 marks]

**Question Four**

- (a) Briefly explain 5 ethical considerations you may factor as you carry out research. [10 marks]

- (b) Explain any 5 types of research. [10 marks]
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