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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 00150: RESEARCH METHODS

STREAMS: Y1S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/12/2019

2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

This paper contains seven questions

Answer all questions in section A and any TWO in section B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the following terms as used in research methods.
 - (i) Research [2 marks]
 - (ii) Research methods [2 marks]
- (b) Explain two approaches used by researchers to acquire knowledge in research. [4 marks]
- (c) Discuss five assumptions associated with scientific research methods. [10 marks]
- (d) Explain seven things researchers should always consider to determine reliability of information from the website. [7 marks]
- (e) State five research ethical issues that researchers must adhere to ensure credibility in their findings. [5 marks]

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO

- (a) There are numerous types of research design appropriate for different research designs. With relevant examples discuss five types of research design. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain 5 steps involved into and from process of hypothetical deductive reasoning that combines deductive and inductive reasoning. [10 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- (a) With relevant examples differentiate between positivist and relativist alternative approaches of research. [10 marks]
- (b) There is no shortage of problem throughout word, but for a problem to be researchable, it needs to have crucial features, discuss. [10 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) In aid of a diagram elaborate the structure of a typical research project. [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss five sources of research information. [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the main elements of a research proposal. [20 marks]
