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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

EAPE 801/EPSC 801: RESEARCH METHODS IN EDUCATION

STREAMS: SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question ONE and any other two questions.**
- **Do not write on the question paper.**

- Q1. (a) You have been identified as a research consultant for the following topic.
“Impact of in-service training on resources management in secondary schools.”
Answer the following questions.
- (i) Identify the independent and dependent variables for this study and give justification for your answer in each case. (4 marks)
- (ii) Generate two objectives for your study. (4 marks)
- (iii) Explain the significance of this study. (2 marks)
- (iv) Propose with suitable justification a research design for the study. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain suitable characteristics of a good questionnaire. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain factors that you could consider in selecting an appropriate research design for an educational research. (6 marks)
- (d) “The review of literature is key to research.” Explain the role played by review of literature in educational management research. (6 marks)
- Q2. Research plays a critical role in human life. With suitable illustrations rationalize the significance of research in educational management in Kenya. (15 marks)

- Q3. Ethical considerations are an important consideration in educational research. With suitable examples discuss the importance of ethics in educational research. (15 marks)
- Q4. Confounding variables can significantly influence the outcomes of every research efforts. Discuss critically the strategies that you could adopt to minimize the impact of confounding variables in research. (15 marks)
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