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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

CDEV 821: RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STREAMS: MSC (CDEV) YISI P/T

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 21/04/2020

8.30 AM – 11.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One in Section A and Two Questions in Section B

SECTION A

1. (a) State any four ways of knowing. [4 marks]
- (b) Highlight the objectives of research. [3 marks]
- (c) Differentiate between validity and reliability of research instruments. [4 marks]
- (d) State any five probabilistic techniques of sampling used in research. [5 marks]
- (e) State any four challenges facing research in our contemporary society. [4 marks]

SECTION B

2. (a) Discuss the characteristics of good research objectives. [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss the significance of literature review in a study. [10 marks]
3. (a) Write brief notes on sources of research problems in a study. [10 marks]
- (b) Describe any five research designs you can use for your study. [10 marks]

4. (a) Describe characteristics of scientific method. [8 marks]
- (b) Explain the types and importance of hypothesis. [12 marks]
5. (a) Using appropriate examples, explain the ethical concerns that guide a researcher when conducting a research. [12 marks]
- (b) Discuss the methods of analyzing results of a research. [8 marks]
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