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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF  
EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS (SOCIOLOGY OF  
EDUCATION)**

**EDFO 831: RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

**STREAMS: M.ED (EDFO) LIBII**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 07/10/2021**

**11.30 A.M. – 2.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Instructions:**

- **Answer Question One and any other two questions**
  - **Do not write on the question paper**
1. a) Explain the rationale for undertaking research as an educational sociologist. (4 marks)  
b) Briefly explain the main steps of undertaking research process. (4 marks)  
c) Describe the ethical considerations in sociology of education research. (4 marks)  
d) Quantitative methods of research deal with numbers and measurable forms. Explain three methods that are often used by researchers. (4 marks)  
e) Examine the challenges faced in sociological research in education. (4 marks)
  2. Describe the sociological research process used by educators. (20 marks)
  3. a) Evaluate the methods used in qualitative research. (10 marks)  
b) Analyze the strengths and weakness of qualitative research. (10 marks)
  4. Explain the concept of participatory research as applied in sociology of education (12 marks)  
b) Distinguish between problems of convergence and divergence in research. (8 marks)

