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

EDFO 831: RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

STREAMS: M.ED (PART/TIME)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 08/08/2025

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question One and any other two questions**
- **Do not write on the question paper**

QUESTION ONE

- Explain FIVE rationale for conducting research in the field of educational sociology [5 marks]
- Outline the key steps involved in the educational research process. [5 marks]
- Discuss FIVE ethical considerations that must be observed when conducting educational sociology research. [5 marks]
- Examine FIVE challenges encountered in conducting sociological research in education [5 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- Describe the sociological research process commonly employed by educators in studying educational phenomena [14 marks]
- Quantitative research focuses on numerical data and measurable variables. Explain any three commonly used quantitative research methods [6 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Examine the concept of participatory research and evaluate its relevance and application within the field of sociology of education [12 marks]
- b) Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of qualitative research methods in the context of educational sociology. [8 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Evaluate the various methods employed in qualitative research within the field of educational sociology. [10 marks]
 - b) Distinguish between the problems of convergence and divergence encountered in research, providing examples to illustrate your answer [10 marks]
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