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HCR514 RESEARCH METHODS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
 2. Use answer books provided
 3. Answer any three questions.
 4. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.
 5. All questions carry 25 marks.
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Question 1

Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection. In your response, demonstrate how these methods can complement each other.

Question 2

Examine the strengths and weaknesses of simple random sampling, stratified, cluster, purposive and snowballing (10 marks). Paying particular attention to research involving children, discuss scenarios where each of these would be most appropriate (15 marks).

Question 3

Using an example of your choice, analyse the meaning of a “research problem” (15 marks). Briefly explain the importance of a research problem to the successful completion of social science research (10 marks).

Question 4

Provide a detailed research design and methods that you would use to explore child prostitution in Epworth (Harare). In your answer, justify the research methods you would use, target population, sample size and sampling procedures.

Question 5

You are a child rights researcher and want to carry out a study about resilience among child survivors of sexual assault. Discuss the ethical considerations relevant to your research.
