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NTRM500 RESEARCH METHODS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 48 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer ONE question.
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit is given for neat, well written and lucid work.

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1. The quantitative research design presents challenges of applicability when it comes to research in Theology and Religious studies because of the nature, subject matter and purpose of research in the discipline of Theology and Religious Studies:
 - a) Write brief notes on the following terms
 - i. Value 'aware' research
 - ii. Research Methodology
 - iii. Action Research
 - iv. Case study**[40]**
 - b) Discuss the extent to which the quantitative research design and approach may be appropriate to conduct research in Theology and Religious studies. **[60]**
2. Researchers often disagree regarding what gets into a topic, its length and even how it is formulated:
 - a) Give an Illustrative summary of the main arguments researchers give concerning the importance of a topic in the process of writing a research proposal. **[40]**
 - b) Discuss the factors you may consider to determine the content and size and relevance of a topic of a dissertation. **[60]**
3. Examine the relationship between the following paired terms and discuss the issues you are personally experiencing in the process of coming up with a research proposal:
 - a) Background to the Research and Statement of the Problem; **[25]**
 - b) Purpose/ Aim and Objectives of a Research; **[25]**
 - c) Scope and delimitation of a research; **[25]**
 - d) Key informant and Participant observer. **[25]**

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