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COURSE CODE HPS 147

COURSE TITLE RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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TIME 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Do not write your name on answer sheet
 - 2 Use answer sheets provided to write your answers
 - 3 Answer all questions in Section A and two questions in Section B
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Section A

Question 1

- a) State four goals of research (2 marks)
- b) Define facilitation effect (1 mark)
- c) Explain action research (1 mark)
- d) Differentiate external and internal validity (2 marks)
- e) State the key features of a research proposal (6 marks)
- f) Contrast true and quasi experiments (4 marks)
- g) State 4 ethical principles of research (4 marks)

Section B

Question 2

Imagine you are conducting research using different survey methods for the following groups:

- 1) University students.
- 2) Old people in a residential home.
- 3) People living with disabilities.
- 4) Drug addicts.

Explain which specific method you would use for the different groups and justify your choice (20 marks).

Question 3

Using practical examples, outline the key features of an experimental design (10 marks). Assess the strengths and weaknesses of this method compared to other methods of research (10 marks).

Question 4

- a) Explain correlational design. Use examples to support your answer (10 marks).
- b) Examine the reasons why researchers violate ethical principles (10 marks).

Question 5

- a) Analyse the sampling techniques used in quantitative and qualitative research (10 marks).
- b) Explain what a naturalistic study with intervention is. Illustrate your answer with practical example (10 marks).