



"Investing in Africa's Future"

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSA408 FIELD RESEARCH AND TEXT ANALYSIS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet
 2. Answer **THREE** questions only
 3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page
 4. Each question is worth **20 marks**
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1. Explain the significance of field research and text analysis in Social Science research.
2. Discuss the process of entering the field.
3. Field studies present competing demands to the researcher while in the field. Discuss the competing demands and suggest ways of handling them.
4. Doing field research entails observing ethical principles and may also present the researcher with ethical dilemmas. With the support of valid case studies draw a line between ethical principles and ethical dilemmas and suggest how a field researcher may overcome them.
5. Discuss the utility of thematic analysis as method of analyzing data in field research.
6. Analyse the challenges and opportunities presented by new media to field research.
7.
 - a. Examine at least three types of field notes taking techniques and explain when each is used during field research and why (15 Marks)
 - b. Assess the strategies a field notes taker has to consider to avoid disturbing the research participant (5 Marks)