



"Investing in Africa's Future"

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY,
HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

NHPS244 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

LECTURER: DR M J GOHWA KAPESA

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
 2. Answer three questions.
 3. Begin your answer for each part of the question on a new page e.g.
a), b) and c).
 4. Each question is worth a total of 20 marks.
 5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.
-

1. Using a research topic of your choice discuss factors that would help you to decide on either selecting qualitative or quantitative research methods citing the strengths and weaknesses of each choice.
2. Evaluate the following research designs using practical examples of research that can be done with the respective research designs.
 - a) Participatory action research
 - b) Phenomenological research
3. Your organization has asked you to develop a research proposal on ending child marriages in Mutasa district for possible funding with UNICEF. Develop the proposal using the knowledge that you gained in this course.
4. You are a research assistant who has been given transcribed research interviews. Examine the process of analysing this qualitative data.
5. There are principles that guide qualitative research. Evaluate these principles using practical examples of each principle.