



SCHOOL OF LAW

NLLB 209 LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.**
2. Write legibly.
3. Students **MAY NOT** take any material into the examination.
- 4. Answer ALL questions.**
5. You are advised to read all questions carefully before attempting to answer any.
- 6. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.**
- 7. Refer to **RELEVANT** authorities to support your arguments.**
- 8. You may start with any question.**

QUESTION 1

(a) Write brief notes on the following types of research:

- (i) Qualitative research. **[5 marks]**
- (ii) Quantitative research. **[5 marks]**
- (iii) Doctrinal legal research. **[5 marks]**
- (iv) Comparative legal research. **[5 marks]**

QUESTION 2

(a) Carefully read the annexed decided case and give a summary of it using the given format. **[25 marks]**

- (i) Title
- (ii) Facts
- (iii) Factual issue
- (iv) Legal issue
- (v) Reasoning of the court
- (vi) Judgment

QUESTION 3

(a) State and explain the steps to be followed when conducting legal research. **[15 marks]**

(b) State and explain 3 types of interview questions that can be used to collect data. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION 4

(a) Sipho, is conducting legal research for his Master of Laws degree on male victims of rape in Malala village. He started collecting data a year before his admission in order not to deal the completion of his degree. He also promised members of the village that he will give them USD\$600 each for participating and that those who did not want to participate they were going to face the consequences through his father who is a chief in that village. Participants were randomly picked by Sipho's father who knew the victims from his capacity as the chief and not much information was given to the participant on the research and no consent forms were signed. After collecting data, Sipho was heard mocking one of the participants based on the information disclosed to him during the interview and he posted short videos on his tiktok account of the interviews he conducted with the participants, clearly showing their faces and stating their full names and place of residence. Discuss the appropriateness of the manner in which Sipho dealt with his data collection. **[20 marks]**

(b) Explain 2 sources of authority in legal research. **[5 marks]**

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