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NTRM 100 INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 24 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **ONE** Question
3. Each question carries 100 marks
4. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

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1. Research is an academic process involving different activities to ensure intended results from the execution of set objectives.
 - a) Explain what is meant by research highlighting at least five factors you would consider when choosing a research topic. **[20]**
 - b) With reference to any two methods of data collection that are appropriate for your current research study, assess the extent to which the method is appropriate for the study clearly highlighting the advantages and disadvantage of each method. **[30]**
 - c) Examine the differences between any *five* of the following pair of terms, using specific examples to support your discussion where relevant:
 - i. Qualitative approach and quantitative approach.
 - ii. Population and sample
 - iii. Purposive sampling and snowball sampling
 - iv. Exploratory research and evaluative research
 - v. Delimitation and Limitation in research
 - vi. Dependent variable and independent variable **[50]**
2. Research is an academic process involving different activities to ensure intended results from the execution of set objectives.
 - a) Explain your understanding of a research proposal, giving at least five reasons why you should make an outline before you begin to write your research project /dissertation. **[30]**
 - b) Discuss the purpose served by each of the following sections in a dissertation proposal:
 - i. Background to the problem;
 - ii. Statement of the problem;
 - iii. Review of related literature review. **[30]**
 - c) Select two methods of data collection that you consider appropriate for your current study.
 - i. Define each method and explain why the method is appropriate for the study.
 - ii. Clearly state the advantages and disadvantage of each method.
 - iii. Discuss the method of data analysis that will be appropriate for the study. **[40]**
3. Research is an academic process involving different activities to ensure intended results from the execution of set objectives.
 - a) Give at least five reasons why you should have a research proposal before you begin to write your research project /dissertation. **[30]**
 - b) Explain the purpose served by each of the following sections in a dissertation proposal.

- i. Background to the problem
 - ii. Statement of the problem
 - iii. Review of related literature review [30]
- c) With reference to either the questionnaire or the participant observation as a data collection method, discuss:
- i. The advantages and disadvantages of the method you selected.
 - ii. The method of data analysis that will be appropriate for the data collected using the above method. [40]

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