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NHPS 244: Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION:3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

- a) Define qualitative research in psychology.
- b) Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research methods. Discuss at least three key differences and three key similarities using examples.

[40 marks]

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Outline the steps in thematic analysis as described by Braun & Clarke (2006) and explain the importance of reflexivity in this process.

[30 marks]

Question 3

Evaluate the ethical issues of informed consent and confidentiality in qualitative research and explain why these concepts are particularly complex compared to quantitative research.

[30 marks]

Question 4

Describe purposive sampling strategies and explain their use in qualitative psychology research.

[30 marks]

Question 5

Discuss the different types of interviews used in qualitative research. Provide advantages and disadvantages of each.

[30 marks]

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