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**NHIR 225: RESEARCH METHODS
END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

**Answer Compulsory question in Section A
Answer any Two (2) questions from Section B**

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

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SECTION A

Question 1

- 1 (a) What are the similarities and differences between basic and applied research? [10 marks]
- 1 (b) Define the research problem and explain its importance in a study. [10 marks]
- 1 (c) Explain any four (4) types of triangulation [15 marks]
- 1 (d) What is the difference between the dependent variable and the independent variable? [5 marks]

SECTION B

Question 2

Define the following sampling techniques:

- Purposive sampling
- Snowball sampling
- Convenience sampling
- Simple random sampling
- Systematic random sampling

[30 marks]

Question 3

Identify and describe five (5) types of research design associated with qualitative research. [30 marks]

Question 4

Discuss similarities and differences between quantitative and qualitative research approaches. [30 marks]

Question 5

Explain four (4) different methods of data collection applicable to social science research (30 marks).
[30 marks]

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