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NTRM100 RESEARCH METHODS

END OF SECOND 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 One

Define a research proposal and proceed to explain at least **three (3)** key sections that are included in a research proposal. [40 marks]

SECTION B

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

Question Two

Define content analysis and proceed to explain how it is used in research. [30 marks]

Question Three

‘A research scholar has to work as a judge and derive the truth not as a pleader who is only eager to prove his case in favour of his plaintiff.’ Discuss the statement with reference to the objectives of research. [30 marks]

Question Four

Examine at least **four (4)** ethical considerations in research involving human participants. [30 marks]

Question Five

Discuss the importance of validity and reliability in research. [30 marks]

Question Six

Examine at least **three (3)** challenges of conducting research on sensitive topics. [30 marks]

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