



**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION**

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

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**DURATION: 3 HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

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Answer **One (1)** question only in **SECTION A** and **Two (2)** Questions in **SECTION B.**

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

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Do not repeat material

### **SECTION A: COMPULSORY SECTION**

1. (a) Distinguish between positivism and interpretivism research paradigms. [20 marks]  
(b) Discuss the key sampling strategies in qualitative research. [20 marks]

### **SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS)**

2. (a) Explain the value of primary and secondary sources of data in research. [15 marks]  
  
b) Explain the difference between inductive and deductive processes in Social Science research. [15 marks]
- 3 (a) Explain the purpose of the critical review of literature [15 marks]  
(b) “The problem definition stage is perhaps more critical in the research process than the problem solution stage.” Discuss. [15 marks]
4. Discuss similarities and differences between quantitative and qualitative research. [30 marks]
- 5 (a) Describe the three forms of interview structures. [15 marks]  
(b) Explain the differences between experimental and survey research designs. [15 marks]

**End of Paper**