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DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY STUDIES**

**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2017 APRIL EXAMS**

**MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)**

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**COURSE CODE: ZDS 3217**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: BA ARTS**

**DATE:**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

**Q1.** (a) Explain in detail what is meant by the term Research in Development (**10 mks**)

(b) Development studies perfectly fits into the definition of science. Discuss five characteristics that qualify it to be a science (**10 mks**)

(c) Explain the rationale behind the study of Research Methods (**10mks**)

**Q2.** (a) Briefly explain the meaning of the following terms in research.

(i) Population (**4 mks**)

(ii) A sample (**4mks**)

(iii) A variable (**4mks**)

(iv) Parameter (**4mks**)

(v) Hypothesis (**4mks**)

**Q3.** It may be difficult to work with large numbers in an ideal research. Explain and give five reasons for **sampling** in research (**20mks**)

**Q4.** (a) Explain the following sampling methods.

(i) Purposive sampling (**5mks**)

(ii) Snowball sampling (**5mks**)

(iii) Simple random (lottery) sampling (**5mks**)

(iv) Stratified random sampling (**5mks**)

**Q5.** (a) Distinguish between a questionnaire and interview guide as tools for data collection in the field (**10mks**)

(b) State briefly what is meant by:

(i) Quantitative data (**5mks**)

(ii) Qualitative data (**5mks**)

