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2ND YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2017 APRIL EXAMS

MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)

COURSE CODE: ZDS 3217

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

EXAM VENUE: **STREAM: BA ARTS**

DATE: **EXAM SESSION:**

TIME: 2 HOURS

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 of Research that qualify it to be a science (**10 mks**)

(c) Explain the rationale/purposes of Research (**10mks**)

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

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

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

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

(iv) Unit of analysis (**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 concepts.

(i)   Validity and Reliability (**10mks)**

(ii)   Distinguish between questionnaire and interview guide as tools for data collection (**5mks)**

(iii)   Pretesting is an important stage in research. Explain (**5mks)**

Q5. (a) Research is highly scientific in nature. Discuss five logistical issues in research **(10mks)**

(b)   Explain five qualities of a good questionnaire (10mks):