

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

HUS 515

Research methods and proposal

DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all the questions

1. Research may take many forms, however, to ensure quality research, certain criteria need to be met. Please discuss 4 criteria that are associated with quality research 4x2=8
2. The essence of research is to solve problems. Thus, identifying a research problem is essential to quality research. Please describe 5 steps by making use of examples, to identify a research problem. 5x2=10
3. Developing a research question is essential for quality research. Firstly, please describe the 5 steps to developing a research question. Make sure to use examples (these may come from your research proposal) to describe each step (5x2=10). Lastly, identify at least 5 checklist criteria (5) to validate your research question's quality. 15
4. By making use of a table describe 3 key differences between quantitative and qualitative research or study designs. 3x2=6
5. The research methodology of your research proposal is very important. By making use of any example please discuss in detail what should be included in the methodology section of a research proposal 8
6. An integral part of adhering to research ethics is to ensure that participants provide consent to be part of a research project/study. Please compile a consent form that adheres to at least 7 aspects/key information which is required to be included in a consent form. You may use examples from your current research proposal. 7x2=14
7. Please describe in detail the process and documents that are required at the University of Fort Hare to obtain ethical clearance to conduct research. 9
8. One of the most common unethical behaviors found in academia is the issue of plagiarism. Firstly, define what plagiarism is (2) and then discuss four types (4x2=8) of plagiarism that are most common 10
9. The University of Fort Hare requires supervisors and students to sign a learning agreement when research is conducted. Firstly, indicate why this learning

agreement is required (2) and then compile a brief learning agreement (8) which includes all the essential aspects that are required 10

10. Planning for your research project is essential to ensure that research milestones are met in a timeous manner. Below is a timeframe (please redraw it on your exam script) for you to complete. Include at least 5 research milestones related to your research project according to specific timeframes 10

Milestones	Deadlines

END OF QUESTION PAPER