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SOC 511

**DEGREE EXAMINATIONS
EXTERNALISED EXAMINATION FOR JUNE 2023**

METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH METHODS

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Time: 3 Hours

Marks: 100

Subject: Methodology and Research Methods

This paper consists of 3 pages including the cover page

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Instructions:

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUAL IN VALUE

Please remember that it is in your interest to write legibly

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QUESTION 1

Provide an account of key-informant interviews, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. In your presentation provide an account of when to use each of these research instruments including their advantages and disadvantages

(33½ Marks).

QUESTION 2

Critically discuss the data analysis methods used in (1) qualitative research methodology and (2) quantitative research methodology. Your discussion should include the advantages and disadvantages of the data analysis methods (33½ Marks).

QUESTION 3

Provide an account of Evaluation Research as one of the research methods. Your discussion should clearly articulate what evaluative research method is, when it is used and its impact in social sciences (33½ Marks).

QUESTION 4

Another major source of data is document analysis. This involves any written materials that contain information on the phenomenon we wish to study. Provide a clear outline of document analysis and evaluate its impacts in research. Use examples in your discussion (33½ Marks).

QUESTION 5

Provide a detailed account of **any two** the following research philosophies including when to use them and their impact in research:

- Inductivism and deductivism
- Popper's falsification

- Lakatos' research programmes
- Kuhn's paradigms (33½ Marks).

QUESTION 6

Using a research problem of your choice, discuss the main steps to be followed in conducting social research. (33½ Marks).

*******End of the examination*******