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**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH
DEGREE EXAMINATIONS
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Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 100

This paper consists of six pages including the cover page

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. SECTION A IS FOR ALICE STUDENTS ONLY WHILE SECTION B IS FOR EAST LONDON ONLY

2. Answer THE NUMBER of questions as per instructions of each section.
3. It is in your best interest to write clearly and legibly.
4. Each question carries 50 marks

SECTION A: ALICE STUDENTS ONLY

Answer Question one which is compulsory and any other one question of your choice in this section.

QUESTION ONE (compulsory)

Hypothetically, a researcher intends to collect data using focus group discussions and in-depth interviews with HIV/AIDS patients regarding the effectiveness of the Department of Social Development's assistance to them.

- a) Explain whether this is a quantitative or a qualitative study. Give reasons for your answer. [6 marks]
 - b) What will be the research approach and why? [6 marks]
 - c) What will be your research paradigm and why? [6 marks]
 - d) Why is the researcher intending to use focus group discussions and in-depth interviews as methods of data collection? [6 marks]
 - e) What will be the research design and why?
 - f) Who will constitute the researcher's population and why? [6 marks]
 - g) How will the researcher select his/her sample? Justify your answer. [6 marks]
 - h) Briefly discuss the process of data analysis. [7 marks]
 - i) What is the difference between data collection instrument and data collection method? [5 marks]
- TOTAL [50 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

As a student social worker, you have been requested to conduct a study on the effects of the “# fees must fall campaign” on the academic performance of protesting students.

- a) State a concise statement of the problem in about five sentences. [10 marks]

- b) State the general aim of the study and three specific objectives. [10marks]
- c) State three research questions that would guide your investigation. [10marks]
- d) Discuss ANY FIVE ethical issues that need to be considered while conducting the study. [10 marks]
- e) What is the difference between a qualitative and a quantitative study? [10marks]
 What is informed consent in research? [10marks]
- TOTAL [50 marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- A) What are the core components of an APA reference and why? [10 marks]
- B) Base on the in-text citation for APA reference:
- i) How would you cite Pius Tanga who published an article in 2020 within a sentence? [5 marks]
- ii) How would you cite Pius Tanga who published an article in 2020 at the end of a sentence? [5 marks]
- iii) How would you cite a quote you took on page 12 of the same source in Question above? [5 marks]
- iii) How would you cite a source without the date of publication? [5 marks]
- C) On pages 78-92, Tapfuma Kusenwa published in article titled Exploratory Research on Community Empowerment for Women Victims of Forced Migration: Implications for Social Work in Sustainable Community Reintegration. This was in volume 20 and issue number 1 published in Czech and Slovak Social Work Journal in the year 2020. How would you include this in your references? [5 marks]
- D) The following are editors of a book: Nilani, L. De S. and Jackson, N. A. The title of the book is Planet, People and Profit: Strike a Balance and this book was published in 2013 by Nordic e.publisher and in Stockholm, Sweden. Pius Tanga published a chapter in this book and the title of his chapter is The Perception of the Impact of Diamond Mining on the Local Communities in Lesotho. How will your reference this is your list of references? [5 marks]

E) Clement Mountin wrote a new paper article title COVID-19 effects on social work education and this was published in the Sunday Times of May 2, 2021 on pages 3-4. How would you enter this in the references of your proposal? **[5 marks]**

F) In writing your manuscript, you retrieved a publication by Peter Pierson from <http://www.springer.com/pdf/article/1234>. The title of the publication is Writing Skills Social Work Students. How would you cite this in your references? **[5 marks]**

TOTAL [50 marks]

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SECTION B: East London ONLY

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Question 1 Compulsory

- a) Explain the six stages of the research process.
[20 marks]
 - b) What are the key considerations that should be taken into account when selecting a research design?
[15 marks]
 - c) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of using qualitative research methods.
[15 marks]
- [Total 50 Marks]

Question 2

- a) Define research ethics and explain why they are important in research.
[15 marks]
 - b) Discuss the ethical issues that may arise in research involving human participants.
[20 marks]
 - c) Explain the ethical issues that may arise in research involving communities.
[15 marks]
- [Total 50 Marks]

Question 3

- a) Explain the purpose of a research proposal.
[15 marks]
 - b) Describe the key components of a research proposal.
[20 marks]
 - c) Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a research proposal that you have developed.
[15 marks]
- [Total 50 Marks]