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**SWK316/SWK316E**

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH  
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION  
JULY 2023**

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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 one other question of your choice in this section

#### QUESTION ONE (compulsory)

- 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]**

### **QUESTION TWO**

A) Name and discuss five (5) requirements for an academic journal. [25 marks]

B) What are the characteristics of research? [25 marks]

**TOTAL [50 marks]**

### **QUESTION THREE**

What do you understand by the scientific method? Discuss the various steps of the scientific method.

**[50 marks]**

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## **SECTION B: EAST LONDON STUDENTS ONLY**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE WHICH IS COMPULSORY AND ANY ONE OTHER QUESTION OF YOUR CHOICE IN THIS SECTION.**

### **QUESTION 1**

- a) Define research design and explain its importance in research.  
[15 marks]
- b) Discuss the differences between experimental and non-experimental research designs.  
[10 marks]
- c) Explain the key considerations when selecting a sampling technique in research.  
[10 marks]
- d) Discuss the differences between descriptive and inferential statistics.  
[15 marks]

**Total [50 marks]**

### **QUESTION 2**

- a) Define quantitative and qualitative data collection methods and provide examples of each.  
[15 marks]
- b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using surveys as a data collection method.  
[10 marks]
- c) Explain the strengths and weaknesses of using focus groups as a data collection method.  
[10 marks]
- d) Explain the steps involved in conducting a content analysis.  
[15 marks]

**Total [50 marks]**

**QUESTION 3**

Explain the advantages and disadvantages of mixed methods research in comparison to purely quantitative or purely qualitative research approaches. Additionally, discuss the importance of careful design and integration of data collection and analysis in mixed methods research.

**[50 Marks]**

**Total [50 marks]**

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