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Main Examination: Oct/NOV 2017

Subject: Research Methods

Paper: Research methodology for Human Settlement

Course code: HRH321

Instructions

1. No question is question is compulsory
2. Please answer Three (3) questions only
3. Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified and disciplinary measures will be taken.
4. Each answer must be a minimum of **two and a half** pages long.
5. Write legibly.

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QUESTION 1
Write an essay in which you discuss the advantages and disadvantages of mixed method approach in research.

QUESTION 2
Write an essay in which you identify five different approaches in qualitative research. Out of the five different approaches choose three of these and demonstrate the similarities between them. Furthermore identify one research approach which you prefer them most. Explain why you can chose that particular approach to conduct your own study.

QUESTION 3
In qualitative research approaches the position and identity of the research can have significant impact on the research process including access to the research subjects, rapport in the field and ultimately these might in one way or another affect the research outcomes. Therefore is neutrality objectivity possible in social research? Discuss

Question 4
Write short notes on the following concepts below. In each case write short notes of between 2-3 paragraphs. Feel free to use example from every day experience in order to illustrate your arguments.

(a) Explanatory Research
(b) Difference between Null and Alternative hypothesis
(c) Random Sampling
(d) Disadvantages of Closed ended Questions
(e) Population
(f) Sample

Question 5
(a) An approval rating was conducted on the performances of students of HRH 321. The results showed 36% approval ratings in a sample of 500 students. Construct 95% confidence interval for this rating, and interpret your results.
(b) Give four levels of Measurements for variables. Give one example in each case.
(c) Define discrete and continuous random variables. Give two examples in each case.
(d) Suggest two ways you can present categorical variables graphics.
(e) Validity and Reliability are two important concepts that researchers check regarding responses to questionnaire items, explain.