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**Introduction to Research Methodology in Public
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PUB 212**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answer **ALL** questions.
- (ii) You are expected to draw relevant examples and illustrations from the theory and practice of Public Administration/public administration.

1. Question 1:

Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write only 'True' or 'False' next to the question number in the ANSWER BOOK. [20]

- 1.1. The importance of research in public administration lies in its ability to provide evidence-based solutions to societal problems.
- 1.2. One source to derive research problems in public administration is through observation.
- 1.3. Formulating a variable in public administration research involves defining a measurable aspect of a phenomenon being studied.
- 1.4. Formulating research questions in public administration involves identifying specific areas of inquiry that contribute to the understanding of administrative processes and policies.
- 1.5. One characteristic of research is its systematic approach to inquiry and investigation.
- 1.6. Public administration research is primarily concerned with theoretical concepts rather than practical applications.
- 1.7. Government policies and programs can be better designed and implemented with the insights gained from research in public administration.
- 1.8. Quantitative research methods are more suitable for exploring complex social issues than qualitative methods.
- 1.9. One characteristic of research is its objective and unbiased approach to gathering and analysing data.
- 1.10. Qualitative research focuses on gathering numerical data.

2. Question 2

Why is it important to have a literature review in public administration research? Support your discussion with relevant examples from contemporary public administration research literature.

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3. Question 3

Identify and explain the three research approaches; in your answer, provide the advantages and disadvantages of using each research approach. [50]

THE END *** GOOD LUCK *******

