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DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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ORGANISATIONAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS

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Subject: Organisational and Research Skills

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Instructions:

ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUAL IN VALUE

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1. Using appropriate examples, discuss the links between a research question and the following elements of a research project:
  - a. Research method
  - b. Literature Review
  - c. Data presentation and discussion of findings.

2. Answer both the A and B parts of this question:

A) Formulate two (2) inter-related research questions based on a research topic of your choice. Then, using a research methods-research questions congruency table, show what methods would be deemed appropriate and adequate for generating empirical data to answer the questions.

AND

B) Outline and discuss the characteristics of a good research question, as taught in this course.

3. Why is a mixed-method design important in social research? Provide a concise discussion of the various forms of mixed-method design and their importance.
4. What elements would you consider crucial in developing a proposal for a dissertation towards a Master's degree in the social sciences? Provide a concise discussion of the various elements.
5. Critically evaluate the various steps recommended by Janice M. Morse et al. (2008) for ensuring that qualitative research stands up to scientific scrutiny.
6. Using a research problem of your choice, discuss the main steps to be followed in conducting social research

**END OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER**