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Paper: Community Psychology and Research Methods

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Instructions

From Section A (Community Psychology) answer ANY TWO questions

From Section B (Research Methods) answer question five (COMPULSORY) and any ONE (1) question from questions six to SIX to SEVEN.

SECTION A: COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

QUESTION 1

Critically discuss the multilevel social and political context of the history and development of community psychology in South Africa.

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QUESTION 2

One purpose of community psychology is to address interracial tensions, social class inequalities, public policy and empowerment. Critically discuss how the community psychologist would address these using a mental health model.

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QUESTION 3

Discuss the role of a community psychologist in the changing South Africa.

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QUESTION 4

How would a community psychologist promote health and wellbeing among community members?

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SECTION B: RESEARCH METHODS

QUESTION FIVE

Vuyo is an undergraduate university student. She has a research proposal titled “The role of ethnocentrism and stereotype on xenophobic attitude among 215 male and female college teachers in Kotongo district of Kenya”. Vuyo has already finalized with her research supervisor, to adopt the positivist quantitative research approach for the proposed study, using a structured validated questionnaire as an instrument of data collection. Nevertheless, she wants you to help her with the following:

- a. Identify all concepts or variables involved in the title
- b. Classify the identified variables into two groups (e.g. independent and dependent groups)
- c. Identify one (1) extraneous variable out of many that may as well contribute in the study, but has been deliberately excluded because of the principle of parsimony
- d. What is the population of the study?

- e. What is the sample frame ?
- f. Who are the participants in the proposed study
- g. What is the sample size of the study?
- h. Identify the geographical location of the study
- i. Which design would be best for this study: an experimental one or a survey design?
Give reasons for your choice.
- j. Under which of the three types of research is Vuyo’s research found
- k. Suggest two non-probabilistic sampling techniques that can be adopted in the study
- l. What type of data will be generated by the study
- m. Are the data going to be discrete or continuous in nature or kind
- n. How many measuring instruments will be required for this study?
- o. Mention two essential psychometric properties that must be possessed by the research instrument

- p. Which method of analysis would be appropriate for this study: a thematic analysis or hypothetical analysis? Give reasons for your choice.
- q. Vuyo's proposed research falls under which category of the two broad categories of science.

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OR

QUESTION SIX

6.1 State ANY OTHER 'complete researchable title' of your choice that is within the scope of social sciences' issues of investigation, by following the pattern given in question five, but it must be **DIFFERENT** from Vuyo's research title (15)

6.2 Generate ONE (1) 'clear and complete' null hypothesis (H_0) from your stated title (5)

6.3 Generate ONE (1) 'clear and complete' alternate hypothesis (H_1) from your stated title

(5)

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QUESTION 7

7.1 State and explain the FOUR (4) essential features of scientific research (20)

7.2 Define an hypothesis (5)

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.....**GOOD LUCK**.....