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EAST LONDON CAMPUS

**SOC311E**

**INS311E**

JUNE EXAMINATIONS: 2023

**SOCIOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY 3**

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**Time: 3 Hours**

**Subject: Research Practice in Sociology / Research Practice in Industrial Sociology**

**Marks: 100**

**This paper consists of 3 pages including the cover page**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE**

**ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUAL IN VALUE**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO WRITE LEGIBLY**

1. One of the main philosophical foundations of social research is **Interpreivism**. Briefly outline the core ideas of the approach. Your discussions should touch how positivism influence the following:
  - i) The framing of the research question
  - ii) The research methods used
  - iii) The collection of the data
  - iv) The analysis of data
  - v) The position of the researcher.
  
2. The research report is a testimony of research conducted and as such it reports \_\_\_\_\_ processes and issues that the researcher dealt with in his or her research. Discuss in detail the function of the following steps or chapters in a research report?
  - The methodology chapter
  - The findings and discussion chapter
  - The introduction chapter
  
3. Using a research topic of your choice, identify and discuss the steps involved in conducting a scientific research
  
4. Using a research topic of your choice, elucidate on the steps you will take in conducting a literature review.
  
5. Social research is done following very strict ethical protocols, based on your knowledge from the course-what are some of the key ethical principles that a social researcher must follow in order to conduct research that does not harm his or her research respondents.

6. What are surveys and what is the importance of surveys in social research? In your discussion, also consider the weaknesses of surveys and the implications of those weaknesses for generalisability of the research findings.

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**END OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER**