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RESEARCH METHODS

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Time: 3 Hours

Subject: SOCIOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

Marks: 100

This paper consists of 3 pages including the cover page

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Instructions

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, STUDENT NUMBER, NAME OF THE COURSE, COURSE CODE AND THE DATE OF THIS TEST IN THE SPACES PROVIDED IN YOUR ANSWER BOOK.

ANSWER ANY **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME IN VALUE. NOTE THAT IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO WRITE LEGIBLY.

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1. Critically discuss the main assumptions of Interpretivism.
2. Social research is often carried out to explore, describe, or explain a given social phenomenon. Using appropriate examples, discuss the main features of, **Exploratory**, **Descriptive** and **Explanatory** research.
3. Based on the characteristics of lay knowledge, discuss why this type of knowledge is not a sound basis for making generalisations about social phenomena.
4. Discuss **five (5)** main differences between quantitative and qualitative research?
5. Using a research problem of your choice, discuss the main steps to be followed in conducting social research.
6. Answer both **A** and **B** segments of this question:
 - (A) Why is sampling important in social research?
 - (B) Discuss strengths, weaknesses, and methods of implementation of the Simple Random Sampling technique and purposive sampling.

END OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER