

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

**AFRICAN STUDIES MASTERS:
METHODOLOGY AFS 711E**

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NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS

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Time: 3 HOURS

Subject: African Studies Research Methodology (AFS711E)

Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer three questions in the booklet provided. Mark your choice clearly.

Questions

1. Explain the following sampling designs in detail and use relevant examples to illustrate their application; (33 ⅓ Marks)
 - i) Simple Random Sampling
 - ii) Systematic Sampling
 - iii) Cluster Sampling
 - iv) Purposive Sampling
 - v) Referral Sampling
 - vi)
2. Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research approach and highlight how each approach is used in research, further highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. (33 ⅓ Marks)
3. Critically engage with research methods involved in Anthropology and highlight its strengths in data collection. (33 ⅓ Marks)
4. Explore the role of Ethics in research and state why it is important to observe certain ethical procedures when conducting research. (33 ⅓ Marks)
5. Describe and explore how different forms of interviews are used in mixed methodology. Also refer to the way in which these interviews differ in the manner in which data is collected as well as their institutional (intrinsic) history. Lastly, indicate how these interviews can be combined within a mixed methodology in the social sciences. (33 ⅓ Marks)
6. Discuss and explore the way in which you can design a research topic, formulate a proposal and analyse research data. You should also discuss topics such as ethics and the different types of research design most commonly used in mixed methods research. (33 ⅓ Marks)
7. Assess and describe the use of colonial archives and what different approaches there are to reading archival data in Africa, particularly in post-apartheid South Africa. You may use a case study of an archival source in the Eastern Cape to illustrate your answer. (33 ⅓ Marks)