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Conduct Social Research Work

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WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

Time: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

1. Marks for each question are indicated in the brackets.
2. The paper consists of **TWO** sections: **A** and **B**.
3. Candidates are provided with a separate answer booklet
4. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.

This paper consists of FOUR (4) printed pages

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing

SECTION A (40 MARKS)

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

1. Research serves various purposes in the society as designed for. Mention FOUR purposes of research. (4 marks)
2. In research study, the researcher may not be able to reach each member of the population and therefore sampling is necessary to find a representative size to be studied. Highlight FOUR types of non-probability sampling used in research. (4 marks)
3. A problem statement gives a clear picture of a situation in the society. State FOUR characteristics of an elaborate problem statement. (4 marks)
4. To carry out research you need to formulate both the research objectives and the research questions. Differentiate between research objectives and research questions in research. (4 marks)
5. Data collected from the field is always analyzed to provide meaningful information. State FOUR data analysis tools in research. (4 marks)
6. Research study cannot be said to be complete without a written research report. Outline FOUR components of a research report. (4 marks)
7. Selecting a research topic requires a lot of background check because the topic selected has a lot of influence on the success of the study. Mention FOUR challenges encountered in selecting a research topic. (4 marks)
8. Mr. B works for a research firm and part of his duty is creating budgets for various field officers in the firm. Give FOUR reasons for preparing these budgets. (4 marks)
9. Various types of data are collected during research. Highlight the TWO main sources of data in research. (4 marks)
10. Pilot studies are to be conducted by researchers before engaging in a research activity. Enumerate FOUR reasons why a researcher should conduct a pilot study. (4 marks)

SECTION B (60 MARKS)

Answer Question 11, and any other TWO Questions in This Section

11. Mr. Maua is a researcher employed by county X in the ministry of Agriculture. The county is planning to roll out an empowerment program within the county. There is need to do a baseline survey to identify the needs within the society for effective planning and execution of the project. Being the county lead researcher, Mr. Maua chose individuals from each of the four sub counties to be included in the sample to ensure that the whole population of the county is well represented. The sample included people from all walks of life who could also be accessed easily for data collection. Mr. Maua also employed research assistants who understood the local dialect of the local community and trained them so that they could understand and internalize the objectives of the research study to enable them collect data in the same way for uniformity
- a. Explain FIVE reasons why Mr. Maua took the sample from the FOUR sub counties of the county. (10 marks)
 - b. Discuss FIVE advantages of training research assistants before undertaking a research study. (10 marks)
12. Researchers who intend to use people or animals must consider the conduct of their research taking into consideration the ethical issues associated with their subjects.
- a. Explain FIVE ethical issues that must be considered by researchers in data collection. (10 marks)
 - b. Outline FIVE reasons why a researcher would use interviews to collect data as opposed to using questionnaires (10 marks)
13. Literature review involves a systematic identification, location and analysis of documents containing information related to the research problem being investigated. It should be extensive and thorough because it is aimed at obtaining a detailed knowledge of the topic.
- a. Outline FIVE purposes of literature review in a research study. (10 marks)
 - b. Explain FIVE types of research methods a researcher can use to get results. (10 marks)

14. Mr. Mugambi is a student at Kewell Research Institute, undertaking a research project is not sure whether to consider the time frame as a factor of the study or not. He has approached you, a research consultant for advice.

a. Explain FIVE reasons why it is important for him to consider time frame in his study. (10 marks)

b. Explain FIVE factors to consider when determining the scope of a study. (10 marks)