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WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This paper consists of **TWO** sections: **A** and **B**.
2. Attempt **ALL** questions in section A.
3. Attempt question **ELEVEN** (11) and any other **TWO** (2) questions in section B.
4. Marks for each question are indicated in the brackets.
5. Candidates are provided with a separate answer booklet
6. Do not write on the question paper.

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This paper consists of THREE (3) printed pages

Candidate should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as

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indicated and that no questions are missing.

SECTION A: 40 (MARKS)***Attempt ALL questions in this section***

1. Research problem highlights a condition to be improved and helps to keep track of the research. Identify FOUR most frequent mistakes encountered by researchers when forming research problems. (4 Marks)
2. A timeframe is formed by establishing a work breakdown structure showing the flow of work. Identify FOUR benefits of formulating a timeframe in research. (4 Marks)
3. A literature review is an overview of the previously published works on a topic. State FOUR importance of literature review in research. (4 Marks)
4. BI (business intelligence) is used to shorten business decisions and uses data to influence the decision-making process. Identify FOUR business intelligence tools (4 Marks)
5. Equipping the data collection team with knowledge and skills is vital in research state FOUR importance of training the data collection team. (4 Marks)
6. Sampling is crucial for obtaining reliable and valid results in research and statistical analysis. Identify four purposes of sampling. (4 Marks)
7. Mention FOUR factors to be considered when designing research tools to be used by the researcher. (4 Marks)
8. A pilot study is the first step of the entire research protocol that tests the methods used in research. List FOUR reasons why a researcher should conduct a pilot study. (4 Marks)
9. Give FOUR methods in which a research report can be disseminated to the targeted audiences. (4 Marks)
10. Literature review analysis is an assessment of literature on particular topics. Outline FOUR advantages of literature review analysis. (4 Marks)

SECTION B: (60 MARKS)

Attempt question ELEVEN (11) and any TWO questions from this section

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11. A team of social work students from Nairobi University set out to study the coping mechanisms of street children in Nairobi city. Due to limited resources and difficulty in accessing a complete list of the target population, the researchers opted for non-probability sampling. They used different approaches, such as selecting children they could easily access, relying on referrals, and approaching specific groups in shelters. The choice of sampling method allowed them to gather practical insights despite the challenges

- a) Explain FIVE non-probability sampling techniques used in research. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain FIVE importance of validation of research tools (10 Marks)

12. Data collection tools are essential in all types of research that help in gathering and evaluating data from multiple sources to find answers to research problems.

- a) Discuss five common methods of data collection used in research. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain FIVE sources of knowledge in research. (10 Marks)

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13. Ethical consideration in research is vital in ensuring the effective conduct of research.

- a) Explain any FIVE ethical considerations that are essential in social research (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss data analysis tools that are commonly used in research. (10 Marks)

14. Literature review serves different purposes and is chosen based on the goal of view and availability of resources.

- a) Explain FIVE types of literature review. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain why a budget should be included in a research (10 Marks)

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