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Diploma in Disaster Management & Diploma in Development Studies

Research Methods – DDM 1006 & DDS 1006

Final Examination – December 2013

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of **TWO** printed pages and **SIX** questions.

Answer **ANY FOUR** questions.

Start your answer to each question on a fresh page.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

QUESTION 1

- a) Explain the case study research design. [10]
- b) Using examples, discuss advantages and disadvantages of a case study research design. [15]

[Total marks 25]

QUESTION 2

Giving practical examples, discuss any **FOUR** ethical considerations to be observed when conducting research.

[Total marks 25]

QUESTION 3

'Knowing and the truth are arrived at in many ways'. Describe **FOUR** scientific ways of knowing and arriving at the truth.

[Total marks 25]

QUESTION 4

Explain the following concepts, showing their practical applicability when carrying out research:

- (a) Historical research [5]
(b) Secondary sources of data [5]
(c) Statement of the problem [5]
(d) Snowball sampling [5]
(e) Action research [5]

[Total marks 25]

QUESTION 5

You are a Research Officer in your organisation and you realise there are a lot of problems affecting your organisation. Identify a problem and develop a research proposal on how you would go about solving such a problem.

[Total marks 25]

QUESTION 6

Describe Evaluation Research showing its relevance to your field of practice.

[Total marks 25]

END OF EXAMINATION