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Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer any four (4) questions**

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QUESTION	MARKS
1.	25
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TOTAL	100

Question 1

- (a) Differentiate between basic and applied research. (5)
- (b) Briefly explain the following characteristics of data:
- (i) Abstractness (5)
 - (ii) Verifiability (5)
 - (iii) Elusiveness (5)
 - (iv) Closeness to the phenomenon (5)

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Question 2

‘When gathering data, ethics should be highly considered in order to get valid information.’ In light of the stated view, briefly discuss the following codes of conduct:

- (i) Universalism (5)
- (ii) Organised scepticism (5)
- (ii) Communalism (5)
- (iv) Direct consent (5)
- (v) Substitute consent (5)

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Question 3

Briefly explain any five (5) characteristics of qualitative research approach.

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Question 4

(a) Use the formula to explain the process that need to be followed when conducting systematic sampling. (15)

(b) Differentiate between sampling bias and sampling error. (10)

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Question 5

Select any two (2) types of research that would be suitable under quantitative research approach.

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Question 6

(a) Explore the challenges that are associated with the use of interviews as a data gathering tool. (15)

(b) From the challenges discussed in (a), examine any two (2) intervention strategies that may be adopted to improve the validity of the collected data. (10)

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