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Knowledge for Development

UNIVERSITY REGULAR EXAMINATION

2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

MAIN EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE:DIB 107

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE:18TH AUGUST, 2014

TIME: 9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions
- Answer any Three Questions all carry equal marks

SECTION A

Answer all questions

1a) Define the following terms:-

- i) Independent variables (2 Marks)
- ii) Literature review (2 Marks)
- iii) Control variables (2 Marks)
- iv) Intervening variables (2 Marks)
- v) Research (2 Marks)

b) Abu is a student at Kibabii University, Mr yatundu a consultant in Business in Bungoma town asked Abu to explain the purpose of Research, he seems to have forgotten. Assist him (10 Marks)

2. Distinguish between purposive sampling and probability sampling using appropriate examples(5Marks)

SECTION B

Answer any Three Questions all carry equal marks

3. a) Enumerate FOUR advantages and THREE disadvantages of observational research (7 Marks)

b) Churchill (1995) defines ethics as the “moral principles and values that govern the way an individual or group conducts its activities” As a research student at Kibabii University, briefly state FOUR ethical issues that may assist students that have been send to carry out Research work in the field (8 Marks)

4 a) Rapoport (1979) define Action Research as the study of Social Setting involving the participants themselves as Researchers with a view to improve the quality of action within it. A number of suggestions have been put forward as methods for carrying out Action Research, state and explain.

(10 Marks)

b) Explain FIVE (5) characteristics of a god questionnaire

(5 Marks)

5. In a research proposal, chapter one is key since it is recognized as the backbone of any study. This chapter contains background of the study, statement of research problem and significance of the study. Discuss each of the three elements stated.

(15 Marks)

6. a) In a research proposal, literature review plays a crucial role, explain.

(10 Marks)

b) Outline FIVE (5) characteristics of Research as a science.

(5 Marks)