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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES
DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN CRIMINAL
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018/2019
LLPA312 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
DURATION: 03 HOURS

Date: 19.07.2020

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions for candidates:

- **Answer four (04) questions only. Each carries equal marks.**
- **Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.**

01. (a) Examine the various definitions of “Research” and briefly explain its significance for the field of Criminal Justice Administration. (10 marks)
- (b) What is the difference between “Research Methodology” and “Research Methods”. Cite examples. (10 marks)
02. Briefly explain the phases in “Research Process” to be used in a legal study of Criminal Justice Administration field, citing a hypothetical examples. (20 marks)
03. (a) State the main research paradigms and the specific types of research under each paradigm, and examine the importance of one of the types of research, citing examples. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain at least three important differences between quantitative research and qualitative Research. (10 marks)

04. State the various methods of primary data collection and discuss briefly the importance of any two of them considering their merits and demerits.

(20 marks)

05. Citing examples, briefly contrast and compare the following research designs:

- (i) Cross sectional vs longitudinal research design
- (ii) Pre vs post research design
- (iii) Experimental vs non-experimental research design

(20 marks)

06. (a) Distinguish between “probability sample” and “non-probability sample: and explain one of the probability samples in indicating its merits and demerits, citing example from the field of Criminal Justice Administration.

(10 marks)

- (b) Explain briefly the main factors that a researcher would keep in mind when writing a research report/or research paper.

(10 marks)

07. Distinguish the basic elements in

- i. Pure/basic research and scholarly research
- ii. Sampling error and non-sampling error
- iii. Interval scale variable and categorical sale variable
- iv. Inductive method and deductive method

(05 marks each)

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