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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 26th January 2019

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Instructions:

Answer four (04) questions selecting at least one question from **each** section. Each question carries 25 marks.

Section 1

1. Elucidate what is deductive reasoning.
2. Explain what inductive reasoning is.

Section 2

3. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of a quantitative strategy.
4. Explain the process of measuring a concept.
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of a qualitative strategy?

Section 3

6. Explain the different tools of quantitative data analysis.
7. Explain the role of a researcher in ethnographic inquiry.
8. Explain the key analytical methods in analyzing qualitative data