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ANALYSIS



FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 27th January 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

Answer four (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. (a) What are the distinct meanings conveyed by concept and theory in social sciences?
(b) What do we mean by a hypothesis? Is it mandatory to use a hypothesis in social science research?
2. (a) Explain the strengths of quantitative and qualitative research in social sciences.
(b) What specific role is played by probability and non-probability sampling?
3. A literature survey plays a specific role in the context of research. Explain the basis for such use?
4. Explain two key methodologies connected with social science research and their usefulness in the development sector related studies.
5. What are the key issues that need to be considered in the context of a research proposal?
6. Why should we believe in a multi-disciplinary framework of research analysis?
7. What are the key ethical concerns relating to social science research? Explain how these affect complex socio-economic and political issues connected with war and internal displacement?
8. Development research findings should be well pleasing to public institutions in addressing their immediate needs, especially if studies are sponsored by the government. Discuss.

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