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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT
THIRD SEMESTER 2022/2023
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COMH 0132: RESEARCH METHODS

STREAM: Y1S3   **TIME: 2 HOURS**

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 5:00 PM   **DATE: 02/08/2023**

INSTRUCTIONS
1. *Do not write anything on this question paper.*

Attempt Question ALL the question.

a) state four reasons for carrying out research   (4marks)

b) Discuss the importance of Literature review in research process

(4marks)

c) Discuss the importance of having a clear research problem?   (4marks)

d) Discuss the factors to consider when choosing a method of data collection

(4marks)

e) Highlight the disadvantages of using close ended-Questions?

(4marks)

f) Differentiate between probability sampling techniques and non-probability sampling with an example in each   (6marks)

g) Define what a research problem entails highlighting steps in its formulation

(4marks)

h) State the sources of a research problem?   (5marks)

i) What are key outputs of academic research proposal?   (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Generally, what is a research problem? What aspect must be observed by a researcher in selecting a research problem?   (7marks)

b) how are computers used as a tool in research? Explain giving examples?
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QUESTION THREE

a) Outline the differences between primary and secondary data sources giving examples in each.   (5marks)

b) Give an overview of different data collection techniques showing their key facts and examples for each.   (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Discuss the differences between qualitative and quantitive research.
                                                                        (8Marks)
b) State the importance of conducting sampling as opposed to census.
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