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MASTER OF ART IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
FIRST SEMESTER, 2021/2022
(FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2022)

MPPA 812: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND EMPIRICAL INQUIRY

STREAM: Y1 S1

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 23/05/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.*
- 2. Answer ANY THREE Questions.*

QUESTION ONE

Research approaches are divided into qualitative, quantitative, and mixed. Explain what these approaches are and the research purposes they serve.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. With appropriate examples, examine the relevance of the following in research
 - i. Target Population
 - ii. Sampling
 - iii. Sampling Frame(10 Marks)
- b. With relevant examples, explain the difference between a dependent variable and independent variable. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a. Interviews are important in data collection. Discuss its advantages and disadvantages. (10 Marks)

- b. Using American Psychological Association (APA) format, with relevant examples, show how you cite the following:
- i. A text book
 - ii. An article from a journal
 - iii. A thesis
- (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Explain the relevance of Validity and Reliability in Research and the methods used in each. (10 Marks)
- b. What constitutes a successful research proposal? Identify and explain its elements in detail. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss some of the ethical issues related to research undermining their importance in research. (20 Marks)