



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY
SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2018 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: VALLEY ROAD

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: COU4313

COURSE TITLE: COUNSELING RESEARCH METHODS

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 5:30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- **Answer question 1 and any other THREE questions**
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (40 MARKS)

1. You work in the research department of a counseling institute. The institute wishes to carry out a study on the coping mechanisms of underage victims of a terror event who visit a neighboring counseling center. You have been appointed as the Lead Researcher.
- a) Briefly explain any five elements of the research methodology that you will include in your plan? (20 marks)
 - b) Giving justifications, discuss any four sampling techniques you would apply? (12 marks)
 - c) For each sampling technique, explain any one limitation you would acknowledge in your report? (8 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (60 MARKS)

2. a) Define the term research? (2 marks)
- b) Differentiate between pure research and applied research? (6 marks)
- c) Giving justification for your answer, which of these two categories of research does academic research belong? (4marks)
- d) Explain any four importance of research in counseling psychology? (8 marks)
3. a) Applying ethical considerations in research, discuss any six important components that you could include in an informed consent form? (12 marks)
- b) Explain research procedures that you would follow in conducting your study? (8 marks)
4. a) Explain any four characteristics of the scientific method? (8 marks)
- b) Distinguish between:
- i) A dependent variable and an independent variable (4 marks)
 - ii) A nominal level of measurement and an ordinal level of measurement (4 marks)
 - iii) Quantitative data and qualitative data (4 marks)
5. a) Explain the difference between theoretical literature review and empirical literature review (4 marks)
- b) Using a well labelled diagram, describe a conceptual framework (6 marks)
- c) Discuss any five sources of a research problem? (10 marks)