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COURSE CODE: POLD 710 & PMFT 722

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED QUALITATIVE
RESEARCH**

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2021

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
- This paper has Five questions
- Answer ONE COMPULSORY QUESTION IN SECTION A AND TWO OTHERS IN SECTION B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY:

1. Prepare a concept paper based on a qualitative research study using the following guidelines::

- a) State the research problem
- b) Objectives of the study
- c) Provide Research Questions
- d) Provide a literature review plan
- e) Methodology and methods of the study.

(10 Marks)

SECTION B

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS.

2. “Both qualitative and quantitative inquiry share basic values around and commitments to systematic inquiry, matching methods to question, conscientious data collection, appropriate analysis, and detailed reporting procedures followed including weaknesses” (Patton, 2015:90). Based on this debate:

- a. Using examples, discuss how the above assertion applies in your field of interest.
- b. This question as stated above is enough – what you will be gauging and need not be directly asked. Leave out
- c. What is your own position on the paradigm debate? The same question- leave out.

(5 Marks)

3. Data in a qualitative study often consist of “text” produced with the help of interviews and observations.

- a. Describe the characteristics of a qualitative interview using a topic of your choice.
- b. Discuss the strengths and the weaknesses of in-depth interviewing

(5 Marks)

4. “While qualitative methodologists use the term purposeful or purposive sampling, quantitative methodologists are more likely to

label these strategies nonprobability sampling, making complete contrast to sampling” (Patton, 2015).

- a) Under what circumstances would a purposive sampling be appropriate /preferred in qualitative research study?
- b) Describe how you would use a purposive sampling strategy to undertake an inquiry using a topic of your choice. (This repeated as above . – replace use the first one

(5 Marks)

5. include a fifth question. Please incorporate the high-level assessment.