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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: CDC 315

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

EXAM DATE:

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- **Answer any TWO questions**
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

QUESTION 1

- a) Identifying a research topic is critical in starting your journey to conduct credible research. Citing examples, discuss any **five** qualities of a researchable research topic. *(10 marks)*
- b) Citing relevant examples, explain any five significance of research ethics to research. *(10 Marks)*

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss any **two** research approaches and give examples of situations each can be applied. *(10 Marks)*
- b) Compare and contrast probability and non-probability sampling methods, citing **two** examples for each. *(10 Marks)*

QUESTION 3

Case study

Mapera is a semi-urban settlement located on the outskirts of a major city. Over the past decade, the area has experienced a rapid increase in population due to rural-urban migration. The majority of residents are young people under the age of 30. Despite the demographic advantage, Mapera continues to face challenges such as high youth unemployment, substance abuse, poor sanitation, low civic participation, and limited access to quality education and health services.

In 2022, a community-based organization (CBO) called *Hope for Mapera* was launched to address these issues. The CBO initiated a few programs including vocational training, youth dialogue forums, and clean-up campaigns. While these efforts showed some early

success, the impact has been difficult to measure, and the community continues to struggle with persistent development challenges.

The local government and development partners have expressed interest in understanding the effectiveness of community-driven interventions and the role of youth in sustainable development in Mapera. They are considering scaling up programs but require evidence-based information to guide policy and resource allocation.

- a) Using the case above design a research topic with clear independent and dependent variables. *(10 Marks)*
- b) Citing examples, explain any **five** ways a researcher can enhance reliability and validity of the data collection instruments to undertake the research in the case above. *(10 Marks)*