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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

COURSE CODE: POLD826

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 2019

TIME: 7:00PM – 10:00PM

DURATION: 3 HOURS

MODE: ONLINE

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Answer question **ONE** and **any other TWO** questions

SECTION 1 (Compulsory)

1. Qualitative research methods are used extensively in social science studies. Undertake a critique of this research approach, highlighting the following:
 - a) Their uniqueness and distinguishing characteristics
 - b) The kind of research contexts most suitable for qualitative research methods
 - c) When and why triangulation is at times necessary. (20 marks)

SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS)

2. Using a hypothetical study, describe and critically assess the grounded theory methodology (5Marks)
3. There is no consensus on assessing the quality of qualitative research. A robust methodological layout and rigorous interpretation of results is a sure way of assuring validity. Discuss this statement using a hypothetical case. (5 Marks)
4. As a well-known leader you have been appointed to lead negotiations in order to reach an agreement over Teachers strike emanating from a dispute over allowances with the county government. You have three months to complete the task and to come up reasonable recommendations. Your interest is in the history of the contentious issues, as provided by both parties within this county. You have identified a qualitative research study as most ideal.
 - a) Formulate a suitable research topic
 - b) State your research problem statement
 - c) State the research questions?
 - d) Describe your theoretical and conceptual framework?
 - e) Identify and explain the qualitative research methods you would use for the research (5 Marks)
5. Corruption has become a rampant problem in many Africa countries. You are the CEO of GET an investigation company which has been contracted to carry out research on corruption in Nduthi district in Namibia. You have been identified as the lead researcher for this investigation. The terms of reference require that you prepare and present a research plan before the board to include: a suitable research design and approach, methods of data collection, analysis, as suitable theoretical framework indicating the considerations of your choices for this study. Discuss what this would entail. (5 Marks)