

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA



Addressing gender disparity and fostering equity in University Education

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN MIDWIFERY

MAIN PAPER

BSHM 225: RESEARCH METHODS I

INTAKE 3: SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

DATE: 2020 TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer any **three** questions.

Question 1

Discuss the following:

- a) Theoretical Framework; [5]
- b) Literature Review; [5]
- c) Action Research; [5]
- d) Probability Sampling; and [5]
- e) Research Ethics. [5]

Question 2

Evaluate the merits and demerits of using qualitative and quantitative research methods.

[25]

Question 3

A closed community in a remote District of Zimbabwe is well known for practicing virginity testing on teenage girls and you have been assigned to find out more about the practice. Outline the research problem, significance of the study, research questions, objectives, the research design and the most applicable sampling procedure you would use. [25]

Question 4

- a) Examine two study designs often used in health sciences research and the limitations of each type of design. [20]
- b) Explain what the selection of a study design depends upon. [5]

Question 5

Explore the use of primary and secondary data sources, outlining their advantages and limitations in research.

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