

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA



Addressing gender disparity and fostering equity in University Education

FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

MAIN PAPER

MDS 113: ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

INTAKE 21: FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

DATE: JANUARY 2021 TIME 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **Question 1** and any other one.
2. Question 1 carries **40 marks** and the rest **30 marks** each

Question 1

Write a dissertation research proposal on a topic of your choice. [40]

Question 2

‘A research design is a plan or blueprint of how you intend to conduct the research.’ Discuss. [30]

Question 3

Examine how qualitative research distinguishes itself from quantitative research. [30]

Question 4

‘Ethnographic fieldwork is synonymous with qualitative research.’ Discuss this assertion in relationship to the fieldworker’s journey in knowledge construction. [30]

Question 5

Critically analyse the role of social media in qualitative research. [30]

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