GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
JANUARY – APRIL 2020 SEMESTER

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: COMD 306

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

DATE: 06 MAY 2021   TIME: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY.**
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

a) As a researcher in social sciences, demonstrate the objectives that you would set to investigate during research. **[8 Marks]**

b) Good researchers ought **t**o possess certain characteristics. Discuss. **[12 Marks]**

c) Using clear examples, explain any four types of research that you can apply in your study.

[20 Marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

a) A scientific research is of much help to the researcher, institutions and to the policy makers. Explain. **[10 Marks]**

b) As a good researcher, why do you think that it is important to do pre-testing of questionnaires before commencing of the study? **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

a) Demonstrate the steps that you can follow as a researcher while conducting a research.

[10 Marks]

b) Researchers make ethical and human relations mistakes during research. Discuss. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

a) Giving examples, explain where a student of social science can get information for literature review. **[10 Marks]**

b) As a good researcher, explain how literature review would help you in the research process.

[10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE

a) In your opinion, why do you think it is important to develop good research questions?

[10 Marks]

b) There are important potential sources of bias that should be considered when selecting a sample. Discuss. **[10 Marks]**