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### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MEPP, MLS, MPP**

Session: **2022/2023**

Semester: **1<sup>st</sup>**

Course Code: **GLC 801**

Course Title: **Research Methods and Report Writing**

#### Instructions:

- i. Answer any Four (4) Questions, each question carries **17.5marks**
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**
- iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.
- v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

#### Question One

Chapter One of your dissertation is titled Introduction and it is sub-divided into various sections notably: background to the study; statement of study problem; key research questions; specific objective of the study; significance of the study; scope of the study; and outline of the chapters. Briefly explain the contents of each section as identified above. **(17.5marks)**

#### Question Two

Literature review and theoretical framework are discussed together under chapter two of your dissertation.

- a. Identify and briefly explain the various sections under which you may prepare a scholastic literature review. **(14marks)**
- b. Why do you think that theoretical framework is imperative in a dissertation?  
**(3.5marks)**

#### Question Three

Identify and briefly discuss the different steps of research process. **(17.5marks)**

#### **Question Four**

One of the challenges facing conduct of free, fair and credible elections in Nigeria is voters' apathy.

- a. Coin a research topic that could tackle the mentioned challenge. **(2.5marks)**
- b. Briefly discuss the research methodology you may adopt to conduct a study on your chosen topic. You may consider the following:
  - i. Research design **(3marks)**
  - ii. Population of study **(3marks)**
  - iii. Sample size **(3marks)**
  - iv. Method of data collection **(3marks)**
  - v. Technique of data analysis **(3marks)**

#### **Question Five**

Chapter four of your dissertation provides for data presentation, analysis and discussion.

Briefly explain how you will address the three issues under the chapter. **(17.5marks)**

#### **Question Six**

- a. Identify and briefly explain five elements of a good research report. **(7.5marks)**
- b. With the aid of appropriate examples, briefly distinguish between the following pair of concepts:
  - i. Qualitative research and Quantitative research. **(2marks)**
  - ii. Acknowledgments page and Dedication page of a dissertation. **(2marks)**
  - iii. Policy implication of a study and Policy recommendation for a study. **(2marks)**
  - iv. Surveys and Questionnaires as tools of collecting primary data. **(2marks)**
  - v. Appendices and References in a dissertation. **(2marks)**