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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MEPP, MPD**

Session: 2023/2024

Semester: **First**

Course Code: GLC 802

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

Instructions:

- i. Answer Question One and any other three Questions
- ii. Time allowed: **3 hours**

Question One (compulsory)

- a. With the aid of appropriate examples explain the following concepts:
 - i. Data Presentation **(3 marks)**
 - ii. Data Analysis **(3 marks)**
 - iii. Interpretation/Discussion of result. **(3 marks)**
- b. Explain in detail any three (3) of the following techniques of data analysis:
 - i. Descriptive Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - ii. Dispersion Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - iii. Discriminant Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - iv. Factor Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - v. Regression Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - vi. Time Series Analysis **(4 marks)**
 - vii. Content Analysis **(4 marks)**
- c. Distinguish between a hypothesis and a proposition. **(2 marks)**.

Question Two

Provide a detail analysis of any five (5) of the following methods of primary data collection:

- i. In-person interview **(3 marks)**
- ii. Telephonic interview **(3 marks)**
- iii. Surveys **(3 marks)**
- iv. Questionnaires **(3 marks)**
- v. Observation **(3 marks)**
- vi. Focus Group Discussion **(3 marks)**
- vii. Experiment **(3 marks)**

Question Three

- a. Clarify the concept of research method. **(2 marks)**
- b. Provide a comparative analysis of the main characteristics, strength and weaknesses of qualitative and quantitative research methods. **(10 marks)**
- c. Discuss how they differ in application. **(3 marks)**

Question Four

- a. What do you understand by the concept research process? **(1 mark)**
- b. Critically examine the various steps in conducting a research study. **(14 marks)**

Question Five

- a. Explain in detail, the term Legislative Research? **(2 marks)**
- b. Distinguish between theoretical and applied research? **(3 marks)**
- c. Discuss any four of the following types of research:
 - i. Policy research **(2.5 marks)**
 - ii. Empirical research **(2.5 marks)**
 - iii. Action research **(2.5 marks)**
 - iv. Cross-sectional research **(2.5 marks)**
 - v. Exploratory research **(2.5 marks)**

Question Six

With the aid of appropriate examples, provide comparative analysis of the following concepts in a master's degree dissertation:

- a. Research problem and Research gap **(3 marks)**
- b. Research objective and Research question **(3 marks)**
- c. Abstract and Summary of findings **(3 marks)**
- d. Recommendation and Implication **(3 marks)**
- e. References and Bibliography **(3 marks)**