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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS & MPD**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **2nd Semester**

Course Code: **GLC 802**

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

Instructions: i. Answer any **4 Questions, each question carries equal marks.**

- ii Time allowed: **3hours.**
- iii Write your Matriculation Number **Only.**
- v. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

Question One

The year 2019 is an election year for Nigeria, but recently Nigeria has been plagued by several crises such as Corruption and Incessant defection of Politicians from different political parties:

- (a) Coin two research topics each that could tackle the two mentioned crises. **(5 marks)**
- (b) Construct a 15 point-questionnaire distributed between fixed and open-ended types for one of your topics on Corruption. **(5 marks)**
- (c) Outline the basic contents of a research proposal. **(7.5 marks)**

Question Two

- i. State one research topic you developed as a class assignment. **(2.5 marks)**
- ii. For this research topic (i) state two research questions. **(2.5 marks)**
- iii. State two research objectives. **(2.5 marks)**
- iv. State two hypotheses (which should be in their null). **(5 marks)**
- v. Outline the justification of the research. **(5 marks)**

Question Three

Discuss the following having not less than 7 points each:

- (a) Specific Ethical Issues in Personal Conduct of Socio-Economic Researches. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Unethical Issues in Research. **(7.5 marks)**

Question Four

- (a) Using not less than five points distinguish between Harvard and APA referencing styles. **(7.5 marks)**
- (b) Estimate the sample size to be used for a research involving a community with a population of 2830 persons:
 - (i) Using Yamen formula (for which allowable error is $e = 0.05$). **(5 marks)**
 - (ii) If standard deviation of the population is known to be $\sigma = 25$ and standard deviation of sample mean is $\sigma_x = 4$. **(5 marks)**

Question Five

- (a) Write an essay on the importance of sampling in social research. **(7.5 marks)**
- (b) A given population is made up of traders, teachers, tailors and touts in the following percentages 25, 18, 20 and 37. Determine the number of each group that may be included in a sample of 78 persons:
 - (i) If proportional stratified sampling plan is employed. **(5 marks)**
 - (ii) If disproportionate stratified sampling is used **(5 marks)**

Question Six

Write short notes on the following research designs:

- (i) Field research. **(5 marks)**
- (ii) Survey research. **(5 marks)**
- (iii) Experimental research. **(2.5 marks)**
- (iv) Historical research. **(2.5 marks)**
- (v) Case study research. **(2.5 marks)**