



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
EXAMINATION FOR MAY TO AUGUST 2016 FOR
DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

RDI 056: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE 1st August 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time.

This is a closed book examination. Text book/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your REGISTRATION NO. clearly on the answer booklet(s).
2. Answer question one (compulsory) and any other two.
3. Questions in all sections should be answered in answer booklet(s).
4. Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.
5. PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.
6. For the questions, write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.
7. Write your answers in paragraph form unless stated otherwise.
8. Keep your phone(s) SWITCHED OFF at the front of the examination room and NOT on your person.
9. Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and do not refer to any unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.
10. You are only allowed to leave the examination room 30minutes to the end of the Exam.

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY 30 MARKS)

- a) Pumwani hospital has been on the verge of a disaster with numerous deaths of infants. According to reports three million kids die every year in Nairobi of cholera and in Pumwani alone slightly over a million are affected. There have been rumours of misappropriation of funds and corrupt doctors but we cannot yet know for sure. We need to interview and collect data on the ground. Please prepare a questionnaire for the general public and interview guide questions for the doctors and nurses.

(30 Marks)

QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms

(10 Marks)

- i. Research
- ii. Empirical knowledge
- iii. Authoritative knowledge
- iv. Intuitive knowledge
- v. elicitation

- b) Outline and describe five kinds of research

(10 Marks)

QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)

- a) What is literature review? Why is literature review important

(10 Marks)

- b) Highlighting the importance of each, outline and explain the codes and policies of research ethics

(10 Marks)

QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)

- a) What are the four ways of conducting an empirical research?

(10 Marks)

- b) State and explain five criteria for a good research question.

(10 Marks)

QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)

- a) What is a variable? **(2 Marks)**
- b) Outline and explain five types of variables. **(8 Marks)**
- c) What is validity in research? **(2 Marks)**
- d) Name the factors affecting both external and internal validity. **(8 Marks)**

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