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FINAL ASSESSMENT (2015-2016)

Tuesday, June 28th 2016

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. Do not write anything on the question paper. Use the first page of the answer booklet for rough work.
3. Answer any **FOUR** questions
4. Use of relevant examples and illustrations will earn you more marks.

Question 1

- a) What do you understand by the term 'research'? (05 marks)
- b) What are the characteristics of good research? (10 marks)
- c) Explain the importance of research in issues of local governance and human rights.(10 marks)

Question 2

- a) 'Good research begins with a clear identification and justification of a research problem'. Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. (07 marks)
- b) What are the sources of research problems? (08 marks)
- c) Examine the elements of a good research problem statement? (10 marks)

Question 3

- a) Explain the major differences between qualitative and quantitative research approaches. (10 marks)
- b) Describe any three research designs you are familiar with and explain when each is applicable in research. (15 marks)

Question 4

- a) Explain at least five key ethical principles that social researchers should adhere to while conducting research. (20 marks)
- b) Why is it important for social researchers to observe ethical principles in the process of doing research? (05 marks)

Question 5

- a) Identify and explain any two methods of data collection and explain when each is applicable in research. (12 marks)
- b) Elucidate the advantages and disadvantages of using the questionnaire method.(13 marks)

Question 6

- a) What is data analysis? (05 marks)
- b) Describe one method and procedure that you would use to analyse data obtained through interviews. (20 marks)

Question 7

- a) What is 'sampling' as used in research? (05 marks)
- b) Distinguish between population and sample in the context of research. (05 marks)
- c) Differentiate between probability and non probability sampling.(05 marks)
- d) Briefly explain any three types of probability sampling. (10 marks)