

**UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY**  
Institute of Ethics and Development Studies

**Introduction to Research**

**Year One**

**Semester One Final Examination**

**Academic Year 2014 - 2015**

**Monday, 08<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**09:30am -12:30 Noon**

**Instructions:**

1. Please read the instructions carefully before answering the questions
2. Section A is compulsory
3. Answer any two questions from section B
4. Please read each question carefully and write legibly
5. Use of relevant examples and illustrations will earn you more marks

**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)**

**Question 1:**

- a) In your own words, explain what you understand by the term 'research'.  
(02 marks)
- b) What are the key elements of research?  
(08 marks)
- c) Explain the aims of social research.  
(15 marks)
- d) Identify and explain any five key principles of good research.  
(15 marks)

**SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS)**

**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?  
(15 marks)

**Question 3:**

- a) Differentiate between research methods and research methodology.  
(5 marks)
- b) Discuss the main steps involved in the research process.  
(25 marks)

**Question 4:**

- a) Explain the major differences between qualitative and quantitative research approaches.  
(06 marks)
- b) Describe any two research designs used in qualitative research and any two in quantitative research.  
(24 marks)

**Question 5:**

- a) Why is literature review important when conducting research?  
(10 marks)
- b) What are some of the ethical issues to consider when conducting social research?  
(20 marks)