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BLIS 301: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: Tuesday, 16th February, 2010

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions.

1. Discuss what you consider to be the characteristics of a good research topic.
2.
 - a) Why is sampling necessary in research?
 - b) Upendo Public Library has 1600 registered users. 1200 are women. 400 are men. A student wants to do a study to find out the views of the users about a newly acquired music collection. Explain how the student can choose a sample of 200 users for the study.
3. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a questionnaire as a research tool.
4. Explain the purpose of a research proposal in the research process.
5. Describe the contents of the five chapters of a research report.