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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
APP 902: ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS IN PUBLIC POLICY AND
MANAGEMENT

DATE: Saturday, 13th May 2017

TIME: 9.00a.m-12.0p.m

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**

1. You have been commissioned to conduct a study on corruption and its effects on delivery of public services.

Required:

- a) Discuss the epistemological approach that you would adopt in your study
 - b) Discuss the various categories and types of variables that you would apply in your study. (10marks)
 - c) Formulate and explain a relevant conceptual framework for the study (10marks)
2. a) Discuss the tests that you would use to determine the researchability of a topic (5marks)
- b) Examine the fundamental issues of concern in the formulation of the statement of a problem. (10marks)
3. Discuss the criteria used to determine the appropriateness of research questions (15 marks)
4. 'The crucial problem with quantitative research is the failure of its practitioners to address adequately the issue of meaning'. Discuss the validity of this statement. (15marks)
5. Quantitative and qualitative research reflect epistemological grounded beliefs about what constitutes acceptable knowledge. Discuss distinctive preoccupations that are discernable in quantitative research. (15marks)
6. Explain seven contrasts between quantitative and qualitative research. (15marks)
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