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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

EMP 839: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: Friday 25th August 2017

TIME: 9.00a.m-12.00p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO

1. a) Explain "Educational Research" (2 marks)
b) explain four sources of Knowledge for qualitative research. (4 marks)
c) Differentiate between Qualitative and Quantitative research in Education. (6 marks)
d) State the strengths and weakness of Qualitative research in Education. (4 marks)
e) What is a "central phenomenon" in qualitative research problem? (2 marks)
f) Explain 2 qualities of a good research problem in qualitative research. (4 marks)
g) Define non-probability sampling and identify any two advantages of sampling in qualitative research. (4 marks)
h) Explain any two ways how computer technology can be used and applied in educational research. (4 marks)
2. a) Explain the aspects that entail a good literature review in qualitative educational research. (8 marks)
b) Discuss steps in analyzing qualitative data. (12 marks)
3. a) Explain any five methods of sampling as used in qualitative research. (10 marks)
b) Explain any five fundamental ethical considerations in qualitative research. (10 marks)
4. a) With regard to either focus group discussions, interview or observation schedules.
i) Outline any two advantages for each of any two research methods. (4 marks)
ii) Explain two challenges for each of the two methods identified in (i) above. (4 marks)
b) Explain well any four qualitative research designs. (12 marks)
5. a) Explain any 3 forms of qualitative data. (6 marks)
b) What is "credibility" in qualitative research? (2 marks)
c) Discuss the four principles that ensure credibility in qualitative research. (12 marks)