



JULY SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2017

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

PROGRAMME: BA HONOURS PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

MODULE: PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

MARKS: 100

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This paper consists of two (2) pages

Instructions to students:

Write the number of each question answered clearly in the space provided on the cover of the examination answer book.

Begin each answer on a new page.

Begin each section on a separate answer sheet.

Number your answers exactly as the questions are numbered.

Answer any FOUR (4) questions

QUESTION 1 – (25 Marks)

Explain the theory behind a quantitative methodological paradigm and describe the specific data collection methods that can be used for a quantitative paradigm, including the reasons for selecting a quantitative design and the different quantitative research

methods.

QUESTION 2 – (25 Marks)

In an essay, discuss the nature of research, and explain the following crucial elements related to how you would go about selecting a topic and setting research objectives. Also explain the purpose and formulation of a hypothesis, research question, variables and unit of analysis. Illustrate your understanding, by using appropriate examples based on current service delivery issues.

QUESTION 3 – (25 Marks)

In an essay, critically assess the purpose and process of a research design, also compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research designs.

QUESTION 4 – (25 Marks)

Critically discuss all the aspects related to the role and process of interviewing as a survey instrument.

QUESTION 5 – (25 Marks)

Critically analyse all the aspects related to the role, purpose, drawing up, development and implementation of a literature review as well as the strengths and weaknesses of an effective literature review.

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