

FACULTY : Education

DEPARTMENT : DELM

CAMPUS : SWC

MODULE : Research Project.

(HRPM00Y)

SEMESTER : Second

EXAM : November 2019/SSA January 2020/Special January 2020

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MODERATOR : Dr SB Blose (UKZN)

DURATION: SUBMISSION MARKS: 100

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3 PAGES

INSTRUCTIONS:

The candidate will submit a research report using the report template provided for the respective module. The candidate is required to adhere to the instructions on the report template in respect of the prescribed word limits and format.

QUESTION 1

The overarching research theme for the research project 2019 is 'stakeholder engagement in education'. The research is framed within the context of Ubuntu as part of the transformation and decolonising agenda of the university as well another increasingly important leadership concept: distributive leadership. Ubuntu is a distinctively African concept and values humaneness, sharing and collective decision making. Distributed leadership originates in the west but has gained popularity especially in the developing contexts. It contrasts the traditional leadership scholarship that focuses on the heroic individual (often that of the principal) and foregrounds the importance of leaders actively and effectively engage and distribute activities and responsibilities.

Each candidate is expected to select one of the research themes and conduct an empirical investigation. The research report will provide evidence that the candidate is competent in applying basic research skills and techniques during the investigation of the research problem. This is a limited research project. Candidates are required to analyse four interviews they have conducted themselves. Candidates will be assessed on their ability to communicate the research undertaken in terms of the following main sections in the report template:

- 1) Background; research question and sub-questions, aim and objectives, concept definition (15);
- 2) Literature review (15);
- 3) Research methodology (10);
- 4) Demonstration of interview skills (10);
- 5) Analysis, findings and discussion (15);
- 6) Summary, recommendations, recommendations for future research, limitation and conclusion (10);
- 7) Alignment amongst problem statement, research question, literature review and analysis (5);
- 8) Reference techniques both in-text and reference list (15);
- 9) Presentation of report (Format, table of contents, turn-in report, language editing, appendices including transcripts) (5)

Assessment Criteria - Note:

- The examiners reserve the right to change criteria and mark allocations once we have read the papers. This will usually only be done where it benefits the student.
- 2. The expected length of the report is 40-60 pages in total. Those who vary excessively from this will be penalised.
- 3. Please **comply with the plagiarism policy** of the University of Johannesburg placed on Blackboard. A software tool such as turn-it-in, must be used by the candidate to eliminate plagiarism. A turn-it-in online submission is to be accompanied by with the research report with turn-it-in report. If significant level of plagiarism is detected in the research report, the mark may be capped at 50% or zero based on the extent and severity of the plagiarism.

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