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DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 313: RESEARCH METHODS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: FRIDAY [8.30 A.M-10.30 A.M]

DATE: 30/01/2026

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question one (COMPULSORY) and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE

Consider the following as a possible title for your proposed study; ***FACTORS AFFECTING STABILITY OF MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS IN KENYA***. Using the above hypothetical title of the study, respond to the following;

- a) Write any three possible objectives that will guide you in the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- b) Write three research questions suitable for the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- c) Write three null hypotheses suitable for the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- d) Explain any three limitations to the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- e) Using clear illustrations, explain the significance of the above study **[6Marks]**

QUESTION TWO

- a) With appropriate illustrations, explain three strategies of undertaking literature review **[10Marks]**
- b) Discuss the significance of theoretical framework in research **[10Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the rationale of sampling in research **[10Marks]**
- b) Explain four factors considered by researchers in the selection of sampling method **[10Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain any four procedures that are essential while undertaking academic research **[10Marks]**
- b) Explain four advantages of key informant interviews over questionnaires in data collection **[10Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Explain four circumstances under which informants' consent may be waived in research **[10Marks]**
- b) Explain four ways of maintaining integrity of research findings **[10Marks]**