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CDEV 313: RESEARCH METHODS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Answer question ONE and any other two questions from the list below
- b) Provide relevant examples where necessary

QUESTION ONE

Consider the following as a possible title for your proposed study “factors contributing to cohabitation among students in institutions of higher learning 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. (6 marks)
- (b) Write three null hypothesis suitable for the proposed study (6 marks)
- (c) Draw and explain the conceptual framework for the proposed study. (10 marks)
- (d) Identify and define any four key terms that are likely to feature under your operational definitions of terms (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

The following are objectives of an academic student research;

- (i) To examine the relationship between individuals’ self-esteem and indulgence in drugs and substance consumption among university students in Kenya
- (ii) To assess the relationship between peer pressure and indulgence in drugs and substance consumption among university students in Kenya
- (iii) To analyze the relationship between academic workload and indulgence in drugs and substance consumption among university students in Kenya

Using the above objectives, respond to the following;

- (a) Explain the levels of measurements that best fit the key variables in the above objectives (10 marks)
- (b) Explain any three ethical considerations you are likely to observe in the course of the study (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

You have been appointed as a consultant by the office of Dean of Students of University X as a lead consultant to conduct a qualitative study on the experiences, drinking patterns and challenges faced by non-resident students. Using the above assignment, respond to the following;

- (a) Explain any four justifications why you will adopt unstructured interview over other types of interviews. (10 marks)



- (b) Explain any four rules you will observe while conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).
(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Laikipia County has embarked on plans to rid the streets of its major urban areas of commercial sex workers. However, before doing this, the county needs to understand certain aspects about the trade. You have been appointed by county government as lead researcher to help it understand the causes, prevalence and consequences of commercial sex work in the Municipality. In doing this study, explain the following;

- (a) What are some of the methods you will employ to establish the reliability of your research instruments? (10 marks)
- (b) with justification, which sampling method would you consider as the most appropriate for this study (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss any four qualities of a good research problem (10 marks)
- (b) Explain any three broader areas of limitations in research (10 marks)

