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2ND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT
STUDIES

PACS 427: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

STREAM: BA

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: FRIDAY [11.30-1.30 P.M]

DATE: 19/04/2024

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INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)

- a) A statement problem gives the gist of the main problem. Explain the components of a good statement of problem. **(5 marks)**
- b) “There are various reasons why a sample would be appropriate for a study”. Discuss this statement. **(6 Marks)**
- c) What are the characteristics of good research? **(4 Marks)**
- d) Research is a step by step process. Explain the components of research **(5 marks)**
- e) Discuss the attributes for a good topic **(5 marks)**
- f) Why is it necessary to carry out a literature survey in peace and conflict research? **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Research problem is key to pursuing research. Discuss the different sources of research problem. **(15 marks)**
- b) Research serves several purposes. Discuss **(5marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Several strategies can be used to collect data. Discuss. **(10 marks)**
- b) Discuss the parametric techniques that one can apply in analyzing data. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

What do you understand by the term “research process”? With the aid of a diagram, describe exhaustibly what the research process involves. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Differentiate between the following;
 - i) Research methodology and research methods
 - ii) Stratified sampling and area sampling. **(10marks)**
- b) Differentiate between stratified random sampling and cluster sampling techniques showing when each is most appropriate **(10 marks)**

