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OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 313: RESEARCH METHODS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [11.30-13.30 P.M] ***DATE: 6/12/2023***

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Instructions

- a) Answer question **ONE** and any other two questions
- b) Provide relevant examples where necessary

QUESTION ONE

Consider the following as a possible title for your proposed study; Sociocultural *factors undermining the fight against female genital mutilation in North Rift, Kenya*. Using the above hypothetical title of the study, answer the following;

- a) Write any three possible objectives that will guide you in the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- b) Write ant three null hypothesis suitable for the proposed study **[6Marks]**
- c) Using clear illustrations, explain the significance of the above study **[8Marks]**
- d) Develop a conceptual framework for the proposed study **[10mrks]**

QUESTION TWO

You have been appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for education to lead a group of researchers to seek the views of student mothers in higher institutions of learning on how their welfare can be improved. Using the above title of the study, respond to the following;

- a) Explain the following with respect to the above proposed study
 - (i) Target population **[3Marks]**
 - (ii) Accessible population **[2Marks]**
 - (iii) Sampling frame **[2Marks]**
 - (iv) Unit of analysis **[3Marks]**
- b) Explain three limitations you may encounter during the study **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

You have been appointed by the Governor of your county to lead a group of researchers to conduct a study on the ways on how best members of the community can be engaged in the identification and implementation of development projects in the county. Using the above title of the study, respond to the following;

- a) Explain three threats to external validity that may affect the study **[10mks]**
- b) Explain the measures you will employ to overcome the threats identified above **[10Mks]**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain any three significance of theoretical framework in social science research **[10Marks]**
- b) Explain three rationales for undertaking sampling in research **[10 Marks]**



QUESTION FIVE

- a) “Honesty as an ethical principle in research refers to fairness and straightforwardness of conduct or adherence to the facts as they are”. Explain three ways researchers can adhere to this ethical principle **[10 Marks]**
- b) Explain any four circumstances under which consent as an ethical principle in social science research may be exempted **[10 Marks]**

