



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN (GEOGRAPHY) AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE/ARTS)**

GEOG 325: RESEARCH METHODS IN GEOGRAPHY

STREAMS: Bed(Science/Arts) & Bsc (Geog)

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY[8.30A.M – 10.30 A.M

DATE: 11/04/2024

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions
2. Use maps, sketches and diagrams wherever they serve to illustrate an answer

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terminologies in respect to Research Methods in Geography
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| i. Data Mining | (2 Marks) |
| ii. Confidentiality | (2 Marks) |
| iii. Archive | (2 Marks) |
| iii. Conceptual model | (2 Marks) |
- b) Explain the implication of using different types of data collection methods **(8 Marks)**
- c) Discuss ethical issues in geographic research process **(14 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain the literature review as a key element in research giving details on the procedure of carrying it out **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between Empirical and Conceptual types of research **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain the significance of geographical research in the contemporary times **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss either

- a. Secondary data collection method
- Or
- b. Primary data acquisition method **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

‘Despite the use of modern sophisticated procedure in data collection and analysis, observation is still considered to be an ideal way of verifying the world’ Discuss **(20 Marks)**