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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN PEACE AND GOVERNANCE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

PG201/SW 215: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

EXAMINATION

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions in SECTION A and any TWO Questions in SECTION B

Additional materials required

1. Scientific calculator
2. Mathematical set

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (25 marks)

1. (a) 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 250, 300, 100, 250

Using the above figures, calculate:

- (i) Mean (2 marks)
- (ii) Mode (2 marks)
- (iii) Range (2 marks)
- (iv) Median (2 marks)

(b) Listed below is a distribution of marks in a Social Science Research Methods class:

50, 70, 65, 45, 40, 50, 80, 60, 80

- (i) Construct a bar graph using the above figures. (3 marks)
- (ii) Show this information on a pie chart. (3 marks)
- (c) Discuss the following research paradigms:

- (i) Positivism (3 marks)
- (ii) Interpretivism (3 marks)
- (iii) Post-colonial indigenous knowledge (5 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

2. 'The practice of social research must be informed by answers to philosophical questions about ontology and epistemology'. Discuss. (100 marks)
3. Analyse the importance of literature review in a research project. (100 marks)
4. Evaluate the differences between qualitative methodology and quantitative methodology (100 marks)
5. Discuss the importance of any FIVE Participatory Rural Appraisal techniques to Social Science Research. (100 marks)

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