

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (MEC 503) (2)

EXAMINATION

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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1. Answer four (4) questions
2. The paper carries six questions
3. All questions carry equal marks of 25 each
4. No cell-phones allowed in the examination room

Question 1

Give a standard explanation summary of the elements of a Research Report. [25 marks]

Question 2

Explain how literature review supports other stages of the research report.

[25 marks]

Question 3

- a) Critically evaluate triangulation process as a method of collecting data in modern day research methodologies. [10 marks]
- b) Distinguish using examples between:
 - i. Theoretical and empirical literature [5 marks]
 - ii. Questionnaire and interview [5 marks]
 - iii. Population and sample [5 marks]

Question 4

- a) Explain the importance of research ethics to the research results. [5 marks]
- b) Give an account of research ethics dilemma and provide solutions to overcome them.
[5 marks]
- c) Explain and provide solutions to any three sources of research bias.
[15 marks]

Question 5

Discuss the relevance of multi-disciplinary research and funding in modern day applied research.
[25 marks]

Question 6

Explain the relationship between the introductory section and the methodology section of a research report.
[25 marks]

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