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FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (MEC 503)

EXAMINATION

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

 JUN 2023

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

- a) Critically evaluate the following data collection methods:
 - i. Questionnaire [12 marks]
 - ii. Snow ball [8 marks]
- b) Explain the importance of research conclusion and areas for further study. [5 marks]

Question 2

Demonstrate with derivations how any research software of your choice can be used in data presentation and interpretation. [25 marks]

Question 3

Explain the importance of measurement scales when presenting and interpreting research findings. [25 marks]

Question 4

‘Justification of a research study lies in its ability to establish a research gap.’

Explain possible research gaps which justify a research study. [25 marks]

Question 5

Explain any five types of limitations and how researches attempt to reduce them in order to validate a study. [25 marks]

Question 6

Outline the data presentation, interpretation and discussion process. [25 marks]

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