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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**  
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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN PEACE AND GOVERNANCE**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN CULTURE AND HERITAGE STUDIES**

**HPG201/HSW215/HCHS215: 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
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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY (50 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) Show this information on a frequency distribution table. **(3 marks)**
- (ii) Show this information on a bar graph. **(3 marks)**
- (c) Discuss the following research paradigms:
  - (i) Positivism **(5 marks)**
  - (ii) Pragmatism **(5 marks)**
  - (ii) Interpretivism **(5 marks)**
  - (iii) Post-colonial indigenous knowledge **(5 marks)**
- (d) Discuss the following terms as used in proposal writing
  - (i) Background to the study **(4 marks)**
  - (ii) Significance of the study **(4 marks)**
  - (iv) Limitations of the study **(4 marks)**
  - (v) Delimitations of the study **(4 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. **(25 marks)**
- 3. Analyse the importance of literature review in a research project. **(25 marks)**
- 4. Evaluate the differences between qualitative methodology, quantitative methodology and mixed methodology. **(25 marks)**
- 5. Discuss the importance of any FIVE Participatory Rural Appraisal techniques to Social Science Research. **(25 marks)**

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