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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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RESEARCH METHODS: MIR521

EXAMINATION

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer THREE questions

Choose TWO question from Section A and ONE Section B is compulsory

Additional material:

Non-programmable silent scientific calculator

Candidates are required to use relevant examples or case studies in answering questions.

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SECTION A: RESEARCH METHODS

1. 'The goal of understanding a phenomenon from the point of view of the participants and its particular social and institutional context is largely lost when textual data are quantified' (Myers 1997). Discuss. [100 marks]
2. The practice of social research must be informed by answers to philosophical questions about ontology and epistemology. Discuss. [100 marks]

3. Discuss the importance of any FIVE research paradigms in qualitative methodology.
[100 marks]

4. Discuss the importance of ethics in research. [100 marks)

SECTION B: STATISTICS

1. (a) Differentiate between a Null and an alternate hypothesis (3 marks)
- (b) Highlight with examples the stages you will take to test a hypothesis (20 marks).
- (c) Explain the conclusion when we reject H_0 (2 marks).

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