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MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MIR 521: RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS

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EXAMINATION PAPER

TIME: 3 HOURS TOTAL MARKS: 150

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question **Number 1** which is **compulsory** and any other two questions.

Marks are indicated against each question

Candidates are expected to use relevant examples and cases in answering essay questions

1. Read the case study below and answer the questions that follow;
15 MIR students sat an examination and obtained the following scores:
30; 20; 21; 24; 20; 19; 12; 14; 18; 5; 24; 8; 19; 12; 27...
 - a) Present this information on a box and whisker plot (20 marks)
 - b) Comment on the distribution of the marks (5 marks)
2. Discuss the ethical considerations to be considered when researching migrants displaced by disasters (50 marks).
3. Examine the concept of researching with them as opposed to researching about them (50 marks).
4. Examine the view that 'methods is not methodology and methodology is not methods' (50 marks).
5. Discuss the issues and concerns associated with using secondary data analysis in research (50 marks)

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