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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

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TITLE PAPER : SEMINAR IN BUSINESS

COURSE TITLE : BA 515

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- (1) TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER IS FIVE (5)**
 - (2) THE PAPER CONSISTS OF SECTION A AND SECTION B.**
 - (3) ANSWER SECTION A WHICH IS COMPULSORY AND ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.**
 - (4) THE MARKS AWARDED FOR A QUESTION /PART OF A QUESTION ARE INDICATED AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION / PART OF QUESTION.**
 - (5) WHERE APPLICABLE, ALL WORKINGS MUST BE CLEARLY SHOWN.**

NOTE: MAXIMUM MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR GOOD QUALITY LAYOUT, ACCURACY, AND PRESENTATION OF YOUR WORK.

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GOOD LUCK!!!

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

LISTEN, LEARN, AND LIVE! AIDS KILLS

Q1.

Acquired Immune-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Day is celebrated internationally on 1st December of every year. Much has been said about AIDS but people continue to display their apathy, undermining how deadly it can be. During the last December, many organisations, establishments including Swaziland National Aids Programme and the Federation of Swaziland Employers launched a campaign against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Swaziland. This would enable both employers and the general public to form an integral part of the HIV/AIDS prevention community. It is hoped that business people would combine their resources and work with organisations dealing with HIV/AIDS in fighting the scourge.

It is on record that at least 215,000 Swazis would die of the disease in a few years' time. His Majesty King Mswati III declared the HIV/AIDS in Swaziland as "a national disaster". Life of many would be a colossal waste if the menace is not curbed. Findings revealed that one in two people in Swaziland who are sexually active is HIV positive and the figure is growing with each passing day at geometric progression. About 10,000 men and women in sub-Saharan Africa are becoming infected everyday. While they work productively for a decade or more, most will die before they reach retirement age. What a calamity and wasted generation!

AIDS has already become as big a killer in Africa as Malaria. Economic losses due to AIDS may soon outweigh foreign aid in some countries. For instance, at the end of year 2000, one third of the deaths among the work population in Thailand was from AIDS. An average of 15 years working life will be lost per employee due to AIDS, according to International Labour Organisation (ILO) estimates. If something is not urgently done, three quarters of the youths will not pass the age of 40.

In spite of these, people still engage in indiscriminate sex. Quite unfortunate that some people in Africa believed that AIDS is a 'white man disease'. Some even said AIDS or no AIDS, death will surely come at the appointed time. The question is: Is it a destiny? Some even say when are you not going to die? Even though, the probability that all will die is one (1), but must you die many times before your death?

Every hand must be on deck to fight this cankerworm which has eaten deep into the fabric of the society. The future is greatly threatened. Is there any hope for the youth?

You eventually find yourself as the Coordinator of the Campaigns against the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus in the country and have been asked to address some groups of communities on AIDS (including children, youths and olds).

Write out your address titled "*Listen, Learn, and Live*".

(50marks).

Note: Your speech should include things like the definition of AIDS; its causes; where HIV can be found in the body; how to contract HIV; what you cannot get AIDS from; signs and symptoms; how to prevent HIV infection; myths about HIV/AIDS; and what HIV positive people should do.

SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS).

- Q2.** Differentiate among *experimental designs, cross-sectional & quasi-experimental designs, and pre-experimental designs* in terms of their strengths and weaknesses. (25marks).
- Q3.** “Those who do research belong to a community of scholars, each of whom has journeyed into the unknown to bring back a fact, a truth, or a point of light. What they have recorded of their journeys and their findings will make it easier for one to explore the unknown: to help one discovers a fact, a truth, or bring back a point of light”. Discuss this statement in relation to Literature Review. (25marks).
- Q4.** Light Edge Consultancy Group has just employed you after graduating from the Seminar in Business class to head a section in the Research and Development Department. One of your subordinates approached you about the structure of Research Project Report. How would you answer him/her? (25marks).
- Q5.** (a). Enumerate *four techniques* which have been developed in order to permit outsiders’ access to data without compromising the confidentiality. (5marks).
- (b). “A systematic bias results from errors in the sampling procedures”. What do you understand by such a systematic bias? Describe the important causes responsible for such bias. (10marks).
- (c). What are the functions of hypothesis in research? (10marks).