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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2011/2012

TITLE OF PAPER: QUALITATIVE METHODS OF RESEARCH

COURSE NUMBER: EDF 651

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS IN THIS PAPER.
2. SECTION A IS COMPULSORY.
3. CHOOSE **TWO** (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B

TOTAL MARKS: 100

Do not open until told to do so by the chief invigilator.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

As a Masters student at the University of Swaziland you are required to conduct research and submit a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements of a Masters in Education programme. Prior to conducting the study you are expected to submit a research proposal. Outline a typical proposal you would submit for a qualitative study and ensure that you describe the different components of this proposal. (40 Marks)

SECTION B

Answer any two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1 (30 marks)

Identify three (3) data analyses procedures in qualitative research and discuss each one of them. Supplement your discussion with concrete examples.

Question 2 (30 marks)

Discuss any three (3) of the following within the context of qualitative research:

1. Ethnographic studies
2. Grounded theory
3. Phenomenological study
4. Case study method
5. Evaluation research
6. Mixed method

Illustrate with concrete examples.

Question 3 (30 marks)

There are various qualitative data analyses software packages. Identify their benefits, limitations, and use.

Question 4 (30 marks)

Discuss the following within the context of research:

1. Ethical considerations and concerns
2. Qualitative data methods
3. Reliability and validity