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TITLE OF PAPER: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE NUMBER: EDF 651

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS IN THIS PAPER –
SECTIONS A AND B.**

**SECTION A IS COMPULSORY. CHOOSE TWO
QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B**

TOTAL MARK ALLOCATION: 100

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

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

In partial fulfillment of your Masters degree requirements you are expected to submit a proposal as an initial step towards preparation of your thesis. Come up with a topic for a research study on drug abuse among the youth in your country and then prepare a brief proposal including all the important sections of a proposal for the study. (40 Marks)

SECTION B

Answer any two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1 (30 marks)

Discuss any three (3) of the following qualitative research methodologies and designs:

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

Question 2 (30 marks)

Describe the following in relation to qualitative research:

1. Instrumentation
2. Sampling procedure
3. Sample size
4. Data analysis
5. Insider perspective

Question 3 (30 marks)

Describe key features of qualitative research.

Question 4 (30 marks)

Identify and describe four (4) data collection methods for qualitative research.