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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 19 August 2020

TITLE OF PAPER: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE NUMBER: EFM 602

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- (a) YOU SHOULD WRITE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.
- (b) THERE ARE SIX QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER. ANSWER ANY **FOUR (4)** QUESTIONS.

TOTAL MARK ALLOCATION: 100 MARKS

THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE PAGES INCLUDING THE COVER PAGE

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Question 1

Critically analyse the ethical procedures you would consider in applying for ethical clearance from the University Ethical Board to do a qualitative research study under the following guidelines:

- (a) Responsibility to informants (15 marks)
 - (b) Responsibility to the community of educational researchers (5 marks)
 - (c) Responsibility to policy makers and the general public (5 marks)
- [Total 25 marks]

Question 2

Explain interpretive/constructivist and postmodern/ post-structuralist research paradigms in qualitative research as a site of multiple interpretative practices. In your response, explain how each of the two paradigms may be understood in terms of the following:

- (a) Purpose; (12 marks)
 - (b) types of research design and; (10 marks)
 - (c) reality or ontology; (3 marks)
- [Total 25 marks]

Question 3

- (a) Give an account of how to develop refined research questions in qualitative research. (21 marks)
- (b) A research study is to be undertaken on teachers' perceptions of an effective, fair and appropriate model for teacher evaluation. Develop *four* specific research questions to get the study under way. (4 marks)

[Total 25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of participant observation as a method of data collection in ethnographic studies. [Total 25 marks]

Question 5

How would you establish that your account of the data is well founded and sound (valid), and that your methods as a researcher can be trusted by the audience that you have used thorough and consistent methods to produce a trustworthy outcome (reliable) in qualitative research?

[Total 25 marks]

Question 6

Examine *three* sorts of coding in qualitative research including the different processes each one of them requires? Give practical examples for your account. [Total 25 marks]