

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
&
INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

TRS 300 MAIN EXAM, MAY 2013

**TITLE OF PAPER : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
COURSE CODE : TRS 300
DURATION : 2 HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**

All questions are worth 25 marks.

**DOT OPEN THIS PAPER UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR GRANTS YOU
PERMISSION TO DO SO**

TRS 300 (M) Research Methodology, May 2013

Question 1

Discuss the nature and functions of the two categories of research. [25]

Question 2

Describe the philosophical principles underlying research in the human and social sciences. [25]

Question 3

Explain the concept of “informed consent” and describe the key factors that should be included in an informed consent form. [25]

Question 4

Identify and explain a number of sources of research ideas. [25]

Question 5

Pick any five of the components of a research proposal template and fully describe each of them. [25]

Question 6

Choose one data collection method and discuss its advantages and disadvantages. [25]

Question 7

Comment on the postulate that “data does not talk”. [25]

Question 8

Explain the three aspects of organising data in qualitative studies. [25]
