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**TRS 300 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM, JULY 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.

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### **Question 1**

Explain the scientific quality of research in the human and social sciences. [25]

### **Question 2**

What is the difference between research design and research methods? [25]

### **Question 3**

Identify scenarios in which informed consent cannot be obtained directly from prospective participants in a proposed inquiry. [25]

### **Question 4**

Describe common pitfalls that occur at the stage of conceptualisation of a study. [25]

### **Question 5**

Give examples of five primary sources of information and explain why they fit the category of primary sources. [25]

### **Question 6**

Define the term “triangulation” as a methodological procedure in research and explain how it is carried out. [25]

### **Question 7**

Discuss the various elements that are tested in qualitative studies. [25]

### **Question 8**

Identify and explain some pitfalls in conducting data analysis and drawing conclusions at the stage of report writing. [25]