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COURSE CODE: TRS 300
COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
DURATION: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Choose and answer three (3) questions in all.
- b. Write in clear and grammatically correct sentences.

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Question 1

Discuss the relationship between basic and applied research demonstrating the appropriate and useful way of understanding the two research categories.

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Question 2

Explain why it is advisable to speak of a research cycle in qualitative studies rather than stages of research. [25]

Question 3

State with justification the kinds of research problems for which it is suitable to use the following data collection methods:

- a. Self-administered standardised questionnaire
- b. Face-to-face semi-structured interview
- c. Focus group discussion
- d. Direct observation
- e. Document analysis

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Question 4

What kinds of pitfalls are to be avoided when generating ideas for a study? [25]

Question 5

Identify and discuss the features of a good research question. [25]

Question 6

Identify and explain the key elements of a statement of the problem. [25]

Question 7

Analyse the characteristics of poor qualitative data. [25]

Question 8

Discuss the kinds of limitations of a completed study that can be noted in a research report. [25]