

COURSE CODE : TRS 300

COURSE TITLE : Research Methodology

DURATION : TWO (2) Hrs

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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QUESTION 2

Identify the flaws in, as well as the ethical concerns that can emerge with regard to each of the following research problem formulations.

- a. Financial accountability in the church
- b. Is the Incwala a form of prayer?
- c. The value of Hindu ethics in Swaziland
- d. The encounter between Swazi Religion and Christianity
- e. Rituals in Swazi Religion

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QUESTION 3

Formulate researchable questions from the information provided in the following briefs:

- a. Every time a horrific public vehicle accident resulting in a high death toll happens , a public prayer is held at the accident site;
- b. A high number of congregants in all the Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches (Ministry Churches) former members of mainline churches.
- c. During a debate on the 2010/2011 performance report of the Ministry of Economic Planning in parliament one honourable Member of Parliament suggested that the state should legalise the cultivation of dagga as well as it use as one measure towards reducing poverty in the rural-based and under-resourced communities. Another MP raised an objection to this suggestion reasoning that Swaziland is a Christian country.
- d. One of the findings of a past ethnographic study on Christian night vigil culture is that the text of Job is a popular source for sermon creation.
- e. Over a period of five years a lecturer who teaches a Research Methods course finds that the performance of students in successive classes ranges from poor to average (45 – 59) and this has been noted in the reports of various external examiners. [25]

QUESTION 4

Identify and explain the key factors that one should take into account in designing an interview guide for a semi-structured interview. [25]

OR

Identify and explain the key factors that one should take into account in designing a self-administered survey questionnaire. [25]

QUESTION 6

Choose the appropriate data collection methods (s) for each of the following studies:

- a. Students' response to lecturers' written feedback on their coursework scripts;
- b. Constitutional provisions for the protection of citizen's religious rights and freedoms in five countries in the SADC region;
- c. The main actors and their roles in the Incwala national ceremony;
- d. The purpose of tombstone unveiling ceremonies: five family case studies; and
- e. An evaluation of the chaplaincy programme in the country's Correctional Services.

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QUESTION 7

Explain the function of data coding and data categorisation? Why is qualitative data more difficult to code than quantitative data? [25]

QUESTION 8

Identify and explain some common pitfalls in analysing data and drawing conclusions at the point of writing a research report. [25]
