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TITLE OF PAPER : Research Methods in Religious Studies
COURSE CODE : TRS 334/300
DURATION : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer three (3) questions in all.**
- 2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**
- 3. Each Question carries 20 marks.**

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Question 1

In what ways does the qualitative approach to research differ from the quantitative approach? [20]

Question 2

Explain triangulation as a constitutive element of the pragmatic approach to research. [20]

Question 3

You are given a research work to do, titled, "The challenges faced by UNISWA students after their studies". Indicate what you would use for each of the following and provide reasons for your choice:

- a) Research approach (10)
- b) Data collection methods/techniques (10)

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Question 4

Basing yourself on what you have learnt in TRS334/300, explain the process of research [20]

Question 5

Explain the role of a literature review in a research proposal [20]

Question 6

Briefly discuss each of the following research paradigms, highlighting their ontological, epistemological and methodological assumptions:

- a) Critical Theory (10)
- b) Interpretivism (10)

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