

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2010**

**TITLE OF PAPER ADVANCED THEORY AND METHOD IN SOCIOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE SOC413**

**TIME ALLOWED THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

**THE QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

**QUESTION ONE (1)**

Evaluate the qualitative research methodology's basic assumptions, concepts and key arguments. Point out its major strengths and weaknesses.

**QUESTION TWO (2)**

Critique Alfred Schutz's phenomenology of everyday life.

**QUESTION THREE (3)**

- a) Define Ethics. Explain at least two strategies social science researchers adopt in order to resolve ethical dilemmas.
- b) Discuss Kidder and Judd's list of questionable social science research practices.

**QUESTION FOUR (4)**

Feminist researchers are not objective or detached; they interact and collaborate with the people they study. Discuss this statement.

**QUESTION FIVE (5)**

Outline the characteristics of postmodern research. Point out the tradition's strengths and weaknesses.

**QUESTION SIX (6)**

Contrast the critical and interpretative approaches to social science research.

**QUESTION SEVEN (7)**

- a) Critique the positivist model of science.
- b) Explain five characteristics of scientific knowledge? Of what use are they to social scientists.

**QUESTION EIGHT (8)**

Write notes on the following

- a) Serendipity pattern
- b) Empiricism
- c) Intersubjectivity testability
- d) Cluster sampling
- e) Triangulation.