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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER DECEMBER 2017**

**TITLE OF PAPER:           QUALITATIVE SOCIAL  
RESEARCH METHODS**

**COURSE CODE:           SOC 311**

**TIME ALLOWED:         TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (1) Answer Any Three (3) Questions.**
- (2) All Questions Carry Equal Marks.**
- (3) Total Marks 100**

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HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

Question No. 1

From the standpoint of the consumer research evidence, why is it important to study research methods?

Question No. 2

Outline the stages in the process of carrying out sociological investigation. You may choose a research topic to explain the various stages.

Question No. 3

What are the characteristics of the qualitative research methodology and methods to consider when conducting research?

Question No. 4

The US Department of Health and Human Services published Federal Regulations (June 23, 2005) pertaining to what must be included in formal proposals for research projects involving human subjects. In the context of the Regulations, what are the basic elements of informed consent. Examine their significance when undertaking research on human subjects.

Question No. 5

Suppose you were interested in studying the quality of life of elderly people, what are the concepts and qualitative indicators you might examine?

Question no. 6

Write short notes on any four (4) of the following:

- (i) Epistemology
- (ii) Deductive logical thought
- (iii) Ethnography
- (iv) Covert research
- (v) Grounded theory
- (vi) Participatory Action Research