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**RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 2018**

**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

What are the differences between positivist sociology, interpretive sociology and critical sociology?

Question No. 2

Outline the ten (10) stages in the process of carrying out sociological investigation. Choose a research topic to explain the various stages.

Question No. 3

What are some of the most important characteristics of the qualitative research methodology and methods to consider when carrying out qualitative research?

Question No. 4

If you decided to conduct case study research on a university department, how might this be a single case study? How might it be a multiple case study? Explain.

Question No. 5

Explain what is covert research? Discuss likely ethical problems for field researcher using this type of method.

Question no. 6

How might social research be useful to physicians, attorneys, social workers, business executives, police officers and newspaper reporters?