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RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER, JANUARY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER: QUALITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE: SOC311

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
 2. **SECTION A IS COMPULSORY**
 3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.
 4. TOTAL MARKS 100.

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

Define qualitative research and discuss its purpose, methods, data sources, and data analysis.

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

Examine the essential elements required in the Research Methods Section of a research study.

QUESTION 3

Discuss the methods used in qualitative research interviewing, stating their advantages and disadvantages.

QUESTION 4

Compare and contrast content analysis and grounded theory approaches to text analysis.

QUESTION 5

Explain what is meant by rigour, integrity and credibility in qualitative social research.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the core ethical principles or compulsory ethical codes to be observed in qualitative research.