

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2010**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **RESEARCH TECHNIQUES IN  
DEMOGRAPHY**

**COURSE CODE** : **DEM 305**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **ANSWER ANY THREE (3)  
QUESTIONS.**

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**QUESTION 1 (12+8 marks)**

- a. What is the relationship between a topic, a research question and a hypothesis? Use examples in demography to illustrate.
- b. The research process is not strictly linear, but is interactive. Explain fully.

**QUESTION 2 (12+8 marks)**

- a. What would constitute deviant behavior for a social researcher?
- b. What is the relationship, if any, between theory and research?

**QUESTION 3 (20 marks)**

Fully describe the nature and assumptions of quantitative research.

**QUESTION 4 (20 marks)**

Research is a superior source of knowledge. Discuss fully.

**QUESTION 5 (20 marks)**

Describe fully the differences between quantitative research and qualitative research.