

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY 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 (20 marks)**

Describe fully and distinguish among the following: basic research, applied research, and evaluation research.

**QUESTION 2 (20 marks)**

Outline the characteristics of research.

**QUESTION 3 (20 marks)**

Explain fully the following norms of the scientific community:

- a. Universalism;
- b. Organized scepticism;
- c. Disinterestedness;
- d. Communalism; and
- e. Honesty.

**QUESTION 4 (20 marks)**

Describe the errors commonly made in non-scientific research/inquiries.

**QUESTION 5 (4+10+6 marks)**

- a. List four reasons why people conduct social research.
- b. Outline five alternatives to social research.
- c. What is the relationship between theory and research?