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NAME: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

SECTION A

This Question is COMPULSORY.

Question 1:

The Ministry of Information Technology and National Guidance is planning to conduct a research on Artificial Intelligence[AI].

Assuming that you are an expert of Social Research methods and that you have been hired to conduct this research prepare the following.

(i) Formulate a research topic.

(ii) Discuss the considerations of your research topic.

(iii) Formulate research objectives (the main objective and sub objectives).

(iv) Formulate research questions.

(v) Discuss the significance of your research topic.

Question 2:

The residents of Clean Village LC. I, are preparing to carry out a research to ascertain the causes of the high unemployment rates in their village. The residents having heard that you are a student of Social Research Methods they would want you to aid them in this research exercise.

Among the information they intend to share with you are the following books.

1. A book titled “Unemployment in Uganda” written by Stalin Gina which was published by Showboat Publishers in 1999 and it is the first edition.
2. A book by Mead Lowe, second edition titled “Hard work pays” published in 2016 by Honour publishers.
3. A book jointly authored by Hughes Kitaka and Sarai Wamboga titled “The Modern workplace of Uganda” published by Later publishers, first edition of 2020.

They intend to look at these three books as sources of information for their research.

Using the information provided above and your knowledge of social research methods do the following.

(i) Write an abstract of your research.

(ii) Write your statement of the problem.

(iii) Formulate a bibliography using the three books provided.

(iv) Discuss the significance of your research.

SECTION B

Choose ONE from TWO.

Question 1:

Write short notes on the following ethical issues in research.

(a) Informed consent.
(b) Confidentiality and anonymity.
(c) Plagiarism and academic integrity.
(d) Conflict of interest.
(e) Bias and misrepresentation.

Question 2:

Write short notes on the following sources of research problems.

(a) Deductions from Theory/theories.
(b) Interdisciplinary Perspectives.
(c) Interviewing Practitioners.
(d) Personal Experience.
(e) Relevant Literature.

Question 3:

Write short notes on the following.

(a) Research methods.
(b) Research methodology.
(c) Primary sources of research.
(d) Secondary sources of research.
(e) Tertiary sources of research.

Question 4:

Write short notes

distinguishing the following types of research.

(a) Descriptive and Analytical Research.

(b) Applied and Fundamental research.

(c) Quantitative and Qualitative research.

(d) Conceptual and Empirical research.

SECTION C

Choose TWO from FOUR

Question 1:

Assuming that you are an expert on social research methods and that you have been approached by the Ministry of Research and Innovations of Tura Republic to make a presentation on research ethics.

Discuss the salient features of your presentation.

Question 2:

Citing relevant examples discuss the sources of information in social research methods.

Question 3:

As a scholar of social research methods, between random sampling and non-random sampling what would advise a researcher to use to carry out a research and why?

Question 4:

As a researcher explain what you would choose between doctrinal legal research and non doctrinal legal research and why.

Question 5:

Explain the concept of literature review as applied in research methods.