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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE EXAMINATION

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COURSE NAME: FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH
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YEAR GROUP: TWO

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TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

DURATION: 3 HOURS

EXAMINATION TYPE: FINAL

This Examination paper has 3 pages

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION.

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*Instructions: Answer any **THREE (3)** questions from this section.*

Question 1

Explain any **five (5)** of the following terms as it relates to research:

- a. Questionnaire
- b. Internal Validity
- c. Reliability
- d. Probability Sampling
- e. Sampling frame
- f. Population
- g. Sampling distribution

(Total 25 marks)

Question 2

Any good research analysis is dependent on the information presented in the literature review. Explain **five (5)** purposes of a literature review. Limit your answer to three (3) pages.

(Total 25 marks)

Question 3

In order to make their research valid and reliable, researchers usually apply a suitable sampling technique to their study.

Differentiate between Probability and Non Probability Sampling methods, making reference to the various techniques involved in each method. In your answer, state **three (3)** advantages and **two (2)** disadvantages of each sampling method. Limit your response to three (3) pages.

(Total 25 marks)

Question 4

Recent technological advances (e.g., the World Wide, electronic databases) assure that future research will be of higher quality, or of greater utility, than past research.

With the use of appropriate examples, explain whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

(Total 25 marks)

Question 5

- a. In regard to quantitative research proposals, novice researchers often find it very challenging and tedious to explain in detail how the data will be analyzed and interpreted in their study. Explain why it is essential that the researcher not cut corners in this section of the proposal. *(15 marks)*
- b. Issues of feasibility are central to a well- planned research project. Discuss how feasibility issues come into play when deciding on the sampling plan. *(10 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION