



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2017

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MFT601

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

EXAM DATE: TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- **Answer Question 1 and any other 2 questions**

Q1: Psychologists are interested in helping people overcome their fears, anxieties and phobias. One way of going out about these is to ask people to fill out a questionnaire. In this way they can write about their fears, anxieties and phobias and how they can overcome them without having to talk about them.

- a) Outline two advantage and two disadvantage of using a questionnaire in this study. **(4)**
- b) Describe any two strengths and two weakness of using an interview instead of a questionnaire in this study. **(4)**
- c) With a good example, describe what is meant by a semi structured interview **(2)**
- d) Highlight any two strengths of using a semi-structured interview over a structured interview? **(4)**
- e) Explain what is meant by an 'open question' and a 'closed question'. **(4)**
- f) Discuss any two ways in which one can ensuring validity of a research tool. (2 marks)

2. A psychologist is interested in investigating people's beliefs in the paranormal (e.g. ghosts, telepathy,) and decides to use a sampling technique to select a sample of representatives.

- a) Sampling techniques are classified in two major categories. Examine the two types (2 marks)
- b) In detail, examine any four (4) types sampling technique that could be used to obtain participants for this study **(8)**

3) You will be required to demonstrate your knowledge of the following concepts in your coming MFT Research.

a) Using well-illustrations define the following terms as used in research. (5 Marks)

- a) Research Methods
- b) Target Population
- c) Conceptual framework
- d) Dependent variables
- e) Study delimitations
- f) Assumptions of a study

b) Examine any factors you would consider when selecting a research methodology (5 Marks)

4. Distinguish between the following types of research methods

- a) Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Method designs (3 Marks)
- b) Action Research and Survey Designs (2 Marks)
- c) Descriptive and Explanatory Research Design (2 Marks)

d) Narrative and Phenomenological Research Designs (2 Marks)

e) Focused Group and Ethnographic Research Designs (2)

5. Every research designs is required to generate results that can be used to inform decision. Discuss any Three (3) uses that the Christian Church can us research findings and any Two (2) ethical consideration that church leaders should consider when they use research based sermons. (10 Marks)