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**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY**

JAN-APRIL 2025 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: COU 4113

COURSE TITLE: COUNSELING RESEARCH METHODS

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 5:30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- **Answer question 1 and any other TWO questions**
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*
- *Round off your answers to the nearest 1 Decimal Place for all questions involving fractions.*
- *Show all your workings on the Answer Sheet*
- *Submit the Answer Sheet as an attachment.*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTIONS

Question 1

- a) Giving examples, describe the following types of research strategies (6mks)
 - i. Descriptive research
 - ii. Quasi-experimental research
 - iii. Correlational research
- b) Give two reasons why a good researcher should invest in literature review when carry out a research study. (2mks)
- c) Explain any two measurement scales that can used in research study. (2mks)
- d) Distinguish between the following terms providing an example of each. (4mks)
 - i. Dependent and independent variable
 - ii. Research Objective and Research question
- e) Explain the following terms as used in counseling research methods (6mks)
 - i. Sample size
 - ii. Extraneous variable
 - iii. Intervening variable

SECTION B

Question 2

- a) Examine at least three sources of knowledge in research, providing an example of each. (6mks)
- b) Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research, giving examples. (4mks)

Question 3

- a) Examine two factors to consider when selecting an appropriate research strategy for your study. (4mks)
- b) You have been given the opportunity to come up with a research topic for your study, discuss three factors that would help you come up with a good research topic. (6mks)

Question 4

- a) Providing examples, discuss three types of probability sampling technique used in research. (6mks)
- b) You have been hired to carry out data collection for a research study among married couples, explore two methods of data collection you can employ. (4mks).

Question 5

- a) Briefly discuss three common mistakes students make when choosing research idea. (6mks)
- b) Researchers have developed two general criteria for evaluating the quality of any measurement procedure. Providing example of each, explain the following terms. (4mks)
 - I. Construct validity
 - II. Split-half reliability