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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CDEV 351: RESEARCH METHODS**

**STREAMS: BSC COM.DEV (ODEL)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 21/07/2021**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question one and two others.**
- **Do not write anything on the question paper.**

- Q1. (a) Expound on any four characteristics of research. (8 marks)
- (b) Explain any four challenges facing researchers in Kenya. (8 marks)
- (c) Differentiate between quantitative and qualitative research. (8 marks)
- (d) Expound on any three qualities of a good research topic. (6 marks)
- Q2. (a) Examine the process of writing a research proposal. (15 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between primary and secondary data. (5 marks)
- Q3. Discuss the following sampling method.
- (i) Snowballing (5 marks)
- (ii) Stratified (5 marks)
- (iii) Purposive (5 marks)
- (iv) Cluster (5 marks)
- Q4. Expound on the following research designs.
- (a) (i) Explanatory (5 marks)
- (ii) Descriptive (5 marks)

(b) Discuss the following variables

(i) Dependent (5 marks)

(ii) Independent (5 marks)

Q5. Discuss the following data collection tools

(a) (i) Questionnaire (5 marks)

(ii) Focus group discussions (5 marks)

(b) Discuss with examples any two ethics you need to observe when writing research project. (10 marks)

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