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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF EDUCATION**

**EDFO 831: RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

**STREAMS: MED**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 07/8/2019**

**2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer any THREE questions**
- **Do not write on this paper**

1. (a) Define the term research [2 marks]
  - (b) As a scholar discuss the importance of reviewing relevant literature before embarking on a research project. [8 marks]
  - (c) Briefly explain five qualities a researcher would consider for a good workable hypothesis. [10 marks]
2. (a) As a master student at Chuka University you are required to choose a research problem for your study. Briefly discuss the criteria you would consider in choosing your problem. [10 marks]
  - (b) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods of research. [4 marks]
  - (c) According to Loftland, describe three methods that are used in collecting qualitative data for a social researcher. [6 marks]
3. (a) Citing specific examples, discuss the characteristics of social survey method in research. [8 marks]
  - (b) Briefly discuss the demerits of social survey research. [8 marks]
  - (c) Explain any four characteristics of a case study. [4 marks]

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4. (a) Define the following terms as used in sociological research
- (i) Reliability [2 marks]
  - (ii) Validity [2 marks]
  - (iii) Triangulation [2 marks]
- (b) Show and explain five strengths and five weakness of qualitative research. [14 marks]
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