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SEH 0165: RESEARCH METHODS

Date: 23rd July, 2013

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

DIPLOMA IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT THIRD YEAR 1ST SEMESTER SEH 0165: RESEARCH METHODS INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This paper has TWO sections, A & B.
- 2. Answer ALL questions from Section A and B.
- Questions from section A should be answered in the spaces provided on the question paper.
- 4. Questions from Section B should be answered in the answer booklet provided.

Section A (30 Marks)

Answer all questions

1. Give the meaning of the following terms;

(5 Marks)

- a) Population
- b) Research design
- c) Hypothesis
- d) Variable
- e) Sampling
- 2. Outline any four (4) importance of developing a working hypothesis in any research (4 Marks)

appropriate for a particular research problem	(5 Marks)
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4. Enumerate any four (4) objectives of research	(4 Marks)
Differentiate between the following;	
a) Ordinal and nominal variables	
b) Substantive and null hypothesis	
c) Validity and reliability	(6 Marks)

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6. Outline the features of a good research design

(6 Marks)

Section B (40 Marks)

Answer all questions 6. a) Enumerate the three (3) main contents of a research design	(3 Marks)
b) Briefly describe the different steps involved in a research process.	(17 Marks)
7. a) Distinguish between probability and non-probability sampling	(2 Marks)
b) Briefly discuss any four (4) probabilistic sampling techniques	(8 Marks)
9. Discuss any five (5) methods of data collection that a researcher can use	(10 Marks)