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(DMAC III, YII, SI)

BMC 2205: COMMUNICATION RESEARCH METHODS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: APRIL 2015

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A & B**.
- Section **A** is **Compulsory**.
- Answer any other **TWO** questions in Section **B**.

This paper consists of Two printed pages.

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Outline **THREE** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of the following research tools:
- i) Questionnaire (5 marks)
 - ii) Participant observation (5 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between “systematic” and “stratified” sampling techniques. (6 marks)
- c) Cultivation theory is one of the theories developed by scholars who study the effects of media on the audience.
- i) Derive a possible research hypothesis from the theory. (4 marks)
 - ii) Indicate the dependent and independent variables of the stated hypothesis in 1 (c) (i) above. (2 marks)
- d) Name the preliminary pages of a research report. (6 marks)
- e) Name any **TWO** methods you can use analyze your research data. (2 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any TWO questions)

QUESTION 2

Discuss **EIGHT** characteristics of research. (20 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Discuss **FIVE** sources of knowledge. (10 marks)
- b) Explain **FIVE** benefits that mass communication research brings to the media industry and the society. (10 marks)

QUESTION 4

Write short notes on the following:

- a) Descriptive research (10 marks)
- b) Exploratory research. (10 marks)

QUESTION 5

Explain the key stages involved in a research process. (20 marks)