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2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATION**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: ECO402

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

TIME: 9.00AM - 11.00AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer Question One in Section A and Any other TWO (2) Questions in Section B
2. Question **one** carries **30** marks and each of the other two questions carry **20** marks each.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- a, Discuss five benefits of using cross sectional data in research. (11 marks)
- b, Explain the seven steps in the research process. (14marks)
- c) List five ethical principles which guide researchers in their work. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Discuss four nonprobability sampling methods used in research. (10marks)
- b. Summarize the criteria for a good research abstract. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a, Discuss the various sources of secondary data. (10marks)
- b, Discuss the factors a researcher should pay attention to when reviewing empirical literature. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- b, Discuss four objectives of conducting a research. (8marks)
- c, Explain the main points to consider when selecting a research problem. (12marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a, Distinguish between the following:
- i. Qualitative and quantitative research. (5 marks)
- ii. Applied research and basic research. (5 marks)
- b, Explain five sources of a research problem. (10marks)