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Programme: Agricultural Extension and Management

Course Title: Statistics Research Methods in Extension

Course code: AEM501

Credit Unit: 3

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION:

Answer Compulsory question 1 (30 marks) and any 4 questions (10 marks each).

Question 1

- (a) Define research 3 mark
- (b) Why are researches designed in some cases? 3 marks
- (c) Discuss:
 - (i) Exploratory field studies 3 marks
 - (ii) Hypothesis testing field studies. 3 marks
- (d) Explain 3 factors that survey research is dependent upon? 6 marks
- (e) Explain the limitations of cross-cultural research 3 marks
- (f) Describe 4 general, types of data that are collected in social science research. 4 marks
- (g) State 5 essential steps identified in the research process. 5 marks

Total = 3 + 3 + 6 + 6 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 30 marks

Question 2

- (a) Outline 4 points that should guide the researcher in problem identification? 4 marks
- (b) Discuss 2 types of errors made by researchers when testing hypothesis . 4 marks

Question 3

- (a). Give the scope in which selecting a topic for research depends 4 marks
- (b) Explain 3 types of data collected in social research? 6 marks

Question 4

- (a) Define hypothesis 2 marks
- (b) Discuss the 2 types of Hypotheses 4 marks
- (c) In not less than four sentences explain the characteristics of research objectives 4 marks

Question 5

- (a) Differentiate Moderator variable and Control variable 4 marks
- (b) Give 3 benefits of a research design 3 marks
- (c) Briefly explain laboratory experimental design 3 marks

Question 6

- (a) Discuss 3 factors to be considered in the contents of a questionnaire. 6marks
- (b) Explain 2 principal sources of data 4 marks

Question 7

- (a) Construct a bar chart using the following table 10 marks

Table 1

Frequency Distribution of Knowledge Scores of Poultry Farmers on Improved Poultry Practices

Score interval	Tallies	Frequency
84-88	I	1
79-83	I	1
74-78	I	1
69-73	II	2
64-68	III	3
59-63	I	1
54-58	IIII	4
49-53	IIII	4
44-48	IIII I	6
39-43	IIII	4
34-38	II	2
29-33	II	2
24-28	II	2
19-23	III	3
14-18	I	1
9-13	I	1
Sum		38