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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES (CSS)  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
2022\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

COURSE CODE: CSS331

COURSE TITLE: **Methods of Social Research**

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** In all, answer **four out of five** questions.

1. (a) Define reliability. (1.5 marks)  
(b) Name and explain four types of reliability that you will want your research instrument to have. (16 marks)
2. (a) Explain three (3) reasons for conducting qualitative research. (12 marks)  
(b) State two characteristics of qualitative research. (5.5 marks)
3. (a) What is quantitative research? (2.5 marks)  
(b) Discuss five characteristics of a good quantitative research. (15 marks)
4. (a) What is an hypothesis? (1.5 marks)  
(b) Discuss the use of four types of explanatory research that you know. (16 marks).
- 5 (a). Name and explain three advantages and three disadvantages associated with the use of questionnaire in gathering data for research. (12 marks).  
  
(b). Explain how you would overcome the disadvantages associated with the use of questionnaire instrument (5.5 marks)