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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

2025_1 EXAMINATION

SUBJECT TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

SUBJECT CODE: ECO311

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1

(a). In what ways can the absence of a clearly defined problem hinder the development of meaningful research, and how can researchers effectively address this challenge to ensure their studies have significant value and relevance? **(10marks)**

(b). Explain the distinction between conceptual review and conceptual framework. **(10marks)**

(c). What is the primary purpose of report writing? **(5marks)**
(25MARKS)

QUESTION 2

(a). What role does the conclusion play in a report, and how should it be written? **(10marks)**

(b). What is the important of econometrics analysis in a research project **(5marks)**
(15marks)

QUESTION 3

(a). Explain the meaning word 'et al' in an in-text citation of a research project and give an example. **(10marks)**

(b). Differentiate between the theoretical review and the theoretical framework of a research project. **(5marks)**
(15MARKS)

QUESTION 4

(a). Discuss the importance of a research design in a research project. **(10marks)**

(b). Make a distinction between the validity and reliability of the instrument used in a primary data analysis. **(5marks)**
(15marks)

QUESTION 5

(a). What is the difference between primary and secondary data in research? **(10marks)**

(b). What is the significance of a literature review in research? **(5marks)**
(15marks)