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# **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019**

EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**HRD 0203 : RESEARCH METHODS**

DATE: APRIL 2019 TIME: 1.30 HOURS

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

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**QUESTION ONE [30 MARKS]**

1. Define the following terms as used in Research Methods. [10 marks]
2. Population
3. Sample
4. Independent variables
5. Dependent variable
6. Parameter
7. Discuss any FIVE objectives of research. [10 marks]
8. Explain FIVE reasons that motivate people to carry out research in different fields. [10 marks]

**QUESTION TWO [15 MARKS]**

1. Explain any five reasons for carrying out a detailed literature review when conducting research. [10 marks]
2. Outline FIVE steps a researcher can follow when carrying out literature review. [5 marks]

**QUESTION THREE [15 MARKS]**

1. Other than interview, identify three other tolls of data collection in a research process. [3 marks]
2. Outline any six procedural observations a researcher should make when conducting an interview. [6 marks]
3. Explain any there merits of using interview as an instrument of data collection during research. [6 marks]

**QUESTION FOUR [15 MARKS]**

1. Describe giving examples three types of random sampling in research. [9 marks]
2. Outline the qualities of a good research abstract. [6 marks]

**QUESTION FIVE [15 MARKS]**

1. Define the term “Research problem”. [3 marks]
2. Explain Any six points a researcher should consider when selecting a research problem. [12 marks]