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MDIS8123 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

DATE: 9th December 2024

TIME: 18:00 – 20:30

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
 2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.
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- 1) Using Jonathan Grix (2002)'s article 'Introducing Students to Generic Terminology of Social Research' discuss the relationship between ontology, epistemology and research theoretical perspectives and research methods [**30 Marks**]
- 2) Discuss the challenges faced by a researcher who facilitates Focus Group Discussion (FGD) [**15 Marks**]
- 3) Using both Dr Jennifer Rowley and Dr Frances Slack (2004) and your own experience in developing academic proposal discuss six main functions served by a literature review [**15 Marks**]
- 4) Describe any three methods of collecting qualitative data during research [**15 Marks**]
- 5) Using examples discuss any five steps in a Research Cycle [**15 Marks**]