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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ECE 308: RESEARCH IN CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES I

DATE: 26/7/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

SECTION A: (30 MARKS)

Answer all Questions

1. a) Differentiate between the following terms:
 - i Independent variable and dependent variable
 - ii Qualitative and quantitative research (5 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the need for research in the modern world. (5 marks)
- c) Explain the importance of Ethnographic approach in research with children. (5 marks)
- d) Explain the importance of using theories in research. (5 marks)
- e) Briefly explain the importance of research findings to teachers. (5 marks)
- f) Discuss the factors to be considered when choosing a data collection method. (5 marks)

SECTION B: (40MARKS)

Answer any Two Questions in this section

2. Examine the importance of using random, stratified and purposive Sampling techniques in research. (20 marks)

3. You have been invited to talk about methods of data collection to some preschool teachers. Prepare the points you will share with them about the main advantages of using secondary sources. (20 marks)
4. Explain the methods a researcher can use to present findings after a research study. (20 marks)
5. Evaluate the importance of disseminating research findings in early childhood.(20 marks)