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Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies
2nd Semester Examination, July, 2017

MCPS 6203 - Research Methodology

Duration: **Three (03) hours** only

Answer Three (03) Questions Only

1. History of knowledge production evolved over three phases: theological, metaphysical and Scientific phases. Discuss the difference between these three phases.
2. Answer **both** sections
 - i. List, with brief descriptions, the core required sections of a Proposal.
 - ii. Write an essay on the importance of aligning the 'Research Title' to the 'Problem Statement', 'Hypothesis' and 'Research Questions'.
3. Answer **both** sections
 - i. Explain the role of methodological justifications in conducting a research study.
 - ii. Examine the methodological concerns in a research proposal.
4. Answer **both** sections
 - i. Explain how to 'triangulate data' in order to ensure validity and reliability.
 - ii. Analyze how to overcome the practical hurdles of commencing a field research
5. Answer **all three (03)** sections
 - i. What is the difference between 'primary' and 'secondary' data?
 - ii. How do you conduct a literature survey?
 - iii. What is meant by the term 'Delimitations'?
6. Write Notes on any **two (02)** of following:
 - i. Inductive and Deductive reasoning
 - ii. Theory in Research
 - iii. Research Ethics