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MPA 6207: Research Methods

Take Home Assignment (Online Mode)

Answer both sections of the question

*Read the following **Guidelines and Instructions** carefully.*

- i. **Academic misconduct** and **Plagiarism** will be penalized.
 - ii. **Submission deadline: 01st of February 2021 at 23:59 Hours Colombo time.**
 - iii. Any assignment failed to be submitted in line with the aforementioned deadline **will not be evaluated**
 - iv. In-text citations should be in APA format.
 - v. Assignment should be submitted via the submission link created in the Learning Management System (LMS).
 - vi. Cover page should contain only the following information: a. Module Code - MPA 6207: Research Methods b. **Index number** c. **Registration number**.
 - vii. Please adhere to the following writing and formatting guide; Font type: Times New Roman, Font size: 12 points, Line space: 1.5, Text alignment: justified. Start each part of the question in a new page, and double check whether you have numbered the question and the sub-sections correctly. Please mention your Index number on the top right corner of each page (**please do not write your name**). Page numbers must be inserted. Your answer script needs to be converted into a PDF document and saved as 'MPA 6207 with your index number'
 - viii. Word limit is 2500 (excluding list of references).
 - ix. Exceeding the **word limit** will be penalized.
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QUESTION

Write a literature review on the topic of your independent study by focusing on the following sub-themes.

I. Generic Literature Review (25 marks)

Under this section, you are expected to critically review **(minimum) five scholarly materials/ articles** that are directly relevant to the topic of your independent study. Assess how they are useful in addressing your research problem and answering the research questions while identifying their strengths and weaknesses.
[Note: State the topic of your study at the beginning of your answer].

II. Literature Review on Conceptual and Theoretical Aspects(25 marks)

Under this sub – theme, you are required to assess **(minimum) five scholarly materials/ articles** related to the theoretical or conceptual aspects of your independent study. Explain how the selected materials can support your theoretical and conceptual arguments in the independent study.

Note:

- a. You are required to select two different sets of materials for the above two reviews. .*
- b. A list of references should be produced at the end of the review.*
