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**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
VIRTUAL**

UNIT CODE: SBCU001

UNIT TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: APRIL/MAY 2015

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions: Answer Question One and any Other Two

1. a) Discuss the following concepts as used in research:
 - i. Research (5 Marks)
 - ii. Variables (5 Marks)
 - iii. Qualities of a good researcher (5 Marks)
 - iv. The importance of research is the society (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss the components of the research process. (10 Marks)
2. Describe using examples the purposes, sources and steps of conducting a literature review. (20 Marks)
3. Draw a comparison analysis between quantitative and qualitative research. (20 Marks)

4. Discuss the problems experienced by researchers. (10 Marks)
5. In research methodology, explain the relationship between the research topic, objectives of the research, conceptual framework and the literature review. (10 Marks)