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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: **CSS 331**

COURSE TITLE: **METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH**

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer question **one (1)** and any other three. Question (1) is **COMPULSORY** and carries 25 marks.

1. (a) Provide a detailed explanation of the difference between exploratory research and descriptive research. 15marks
(b) What is the purpose of social research? 10marks
2. Discuss Quantitative and Qualitative research methods in the social sciences. 15 marks
3. List and explain five (5) components of a Research Design. 15marks
4. Briefly discuss five (5) types of Research Questions. 15marks
5. Explain five (5) Characteristics of a Good Qualitative Research. 15marks