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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: CSS831

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions. All Questions carry equal marks

1. Discuss the importance of formulating a clear statement of the problem in research, and state how problem statement impacts the overall study process. (17.5 marks)
2. How do well-constructed research objectives and hypotheses contribute to the reliability and clarity of a study? Provide examples to support your answer. (17.5 marks)
3. Explain the relevance of a research study to existing knowledge, and discuss how it contributes to policy and practical applications. (17.5 marks)
4. What are the key differences between qualitative and quantitative research, and how do these methodologies apply to criminology research? (17.5 marks)
5. Describe the cross-sectional research design and its application in criminology, highlighting its strengths and weaknesses. (17.5 marks)