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COURSE: Research for Development (9375)
Level: BS

Semester: Spring-2025
Marks: 100

ASSIGNMENT NO.1

Unit (1-5)

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- Q.1 The Philosophy of science developed as people started giving explanations which could either appeal to the thinking part of our mind rationally or be tested empirically. State your answer with examples. (20)
- Q.2 What is the interpretation of data? Explain its significance. Highlight the precautions required in the interpretation of data. (20)
- Q.3 Define quantitative research. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of quantitative research in social sciences. (20)

- Q.4 Explain thoroughly the components of the Research problem and the different sources of identifying the research problem. (20)
- Q.5 What is a hypothesis? What characteristics must possess to be a good research hypothesis? Elaborate in detail. (20)

ASSIGNMENT NO.2

Unit (5-9)

- Q.1 What do you understand by the expression research paradigms? Discuss regarding the two paradigms used in the study material. (20)
- Q.2 Why are quantifiable measures preferred in most psychological research over qualitative methods? Discuss in detail. (20)
- Q.3 Define the term qualitative research. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of qualitative research in social sciences. (20)
- Q.4 What do you understand the term “concept”? What concepts have got to do with science? Elaborate your answer with examples. (20)
- Q.5 What do you think were the effects of applying rationalism and empiricism to explaining the world? Define your answer with examples. (20)