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DS3303: DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH METHODS

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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer ALL the questions from section A

Answer TWO essay questions from section B

Marks will be awarded for:

- **Clarity of expression**
 - **Critical thinking**
 - **Good use of empirical evidence**
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SECTION A

1. Imagine that you are working in a rural area in Lesotho and you want to undertake a research project on a development issue of your choice.
 - i) Write a topic of your choice based on the statement. (3)
 - ii) Explain the processes you followed to identify the topic (5)
 - iii) Write the purpose of the study you would undertake. (2)
 - iv) List three research questions for the study. (3)
 - v) In a paragraph or two write the significance of the study. (3)
2. Define the following concepts and give examples based on your study.
 - i) Variable (2)
 - ii) Hypotheses (2)
3. Differentiate between the following concepts as they are used in social research
 - i) Cross sectional and longitudinal surveys (2)
 - ii) Descriptive and inferential statistics (2)

4. i) Explain two reasons why a sample not the population may be the only way of collecting data. (4)
- iii) Explain what the 'point of saturation' means when collecting qualitative data. (2)

SECTION B

Answer TWO essay questions from this section.

5. Identify and discuss action research that you would undertake in your community.
6. Discuss the processes that you would follow when analysing data using qualitative thematic analysis.
7. Discuss the importance of literature review in writing a research proposal or project.