

University of Ruhuna

Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies

First Semester End Examination – January 2019

PDS 6135 – Research Methods

Answer any **four (04)** Questions

Time: 3 Hours

1. What are the differences between “Research Approaches” and “Research Methods”? Explain with suitable examples.
(15 Marks)
2. Describe the meaning of “Phenomenological and Positivistic” research philosophies and applications of them.
(15 Marks)
3. Elucidate the advantages and disadvantages of “Participant Observation” and “Direct Observation” techniques in social science research.
(15 Marks)
4. Explain the “Validity” and “Reliability” of using primary data in peace and development studies research.
(15 Marks)
5. What are the general rules that should be considered by the researcher when designing questionnaires? Explain with relevant examples.
(15 Marks)
6. Why “Ethical Considerations” are important in the social sciences and humanities research? Discuss with relevant examples.
(15 Marks)

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