

National University of Lesotho
BA Examinations
SOC 252 – 3AB
Introduction to Social Research Methods: Data Collection

August 2009 Marks:100 Time: 3 Hours

**Instructions: Answer Question One and any other three questions.
Question One carries 40 marks and the others carry 20 marks each.**

Question One (Compulsory)

The Ministry of Health has commissioned you to undertake a study into the living conditions of orphaned children at Ha Mme Mamochochoko Homecare Centre in Mohalalitoe, Maseru. The overall goal of the investigation is to get an insight into the life-worlds of these children; how they experience and see life; how they were accommodated into the Centre and what their expectations of the future, are to suggest ways in which the quality of their life can improve.

- a) Propose a suitable
 - I. Research design;
 - II. Sampling technique;
 - III. Data collection instrument you would use to investigate the Centre, and justify your decision.
- b) Mention two ethical issues you can consider in investigating the Centre.

Question Two

Identify a suitable research design and an information collecting technique you would use to investigate the causes of the February 2009 strike amongst NUL students.

Question Three

Discuss key stages followed in undertaking a scientific investigation.

Question Four

Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research approaches and describe a life situation in which each might be used.

Question Five

Discuss the four levels of measurement and give a relevant example for each level.