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HIGHER EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (HEXCO)

NATIONAL DIPLOMA

IN

CLOTHING PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT/FASHION, CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

MODULE: Research Methods

PAPER NO: 556/23/M05

DURATION: 3 Hours

JUNE 2026 EXAMINATION

REQUIREMENTS

Answer booklet, Pen

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer any five (5) questions.
2. All questions carry 20 marks each.

This paper consists of 2 printed pages.

QUESTION 1

a) Explain the following terms as used in research

i) Research (2 marks)
ii) Limitations (2 marks)
iii) Questionnaire (2 marks)
iv) Definition of terms (2 marks)
v) Sample (2 marks)

b) Explore any five (5) advantages of interview research technique. (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

Write short notes on the following:

a) Case study method (4 marks)
b) Historical method (4 marks)
c) Experimental method (4 marks)
d) Survey method (4 marks)
e) Comparative method (4 marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss five (5) ethical considerations to be observed when conducting a research. (20 marks)

QUESTION 4

Explain the major components of a research. (20 marks)

QUESTION 5

Elaborate the importance of communicating research results. (20 marks)

QUESTION 6

Clarify the main benefits of scientific research methods in clothing. (20 marks)

QUESTION 7

As a researcher, you have been invited to present the topic 'Research Report Structure'. Using chapter one (1) to five (5) headings and subheadings prepare brief notes to use for the presentation. (20 marks)

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