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**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**Programme:** B. A. Islamic Studies  
**Name of Subject:** Islamic Studies  
**Course Code:** ISL302  
**Course Title:** RESEARCH METHODS  
**Credit Unit:** 2.0 Units  
**Time Allowed:** 2 hours.  
**Instruction:** Answer Question TWO and any other two questions

- Q.1. Explain the various approaches to research relevant to Islamic Studies, highlighting their key features and contributions. Provide examples to support your explanation. (20 Marks, 35 Minutes)
- Q.2. Imagine you are a researcher who wants to investigate the impact of social media on teenagers' mental health. Design a research proposal outlining the key components and steps you would take to conduct this study. Your proposal should include the research question, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes. Additionally, discuss the ethical considerations you would address and how you plan to analyze and interpret the data. (30 Marks, 50 Minutes)
- Q.3. Identify and analyze three common pitfalls in questionnaire construction, and discuss their potential impact on data quality and research outcomes. Provide examples to support your analysis. (20 Marks, 35 Minutes)
4. Compare and contrast two probability sampling methods, namely stratified random sampling and cluster sampling, highlighting their similarities, differences, and practical applications. Additionally, discuss the advantages and limitations of each method and provide real-world examples to illustrate their use. Finally, propose a scenario where one sampling method would be more suitable than the other, justifying your choice. (20 Marks, 35 Minutes)