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Please answer a total of three (3) questions.

Use a separate answer book for each question.

All questions carry an equal mark.

Support your answers with reference to the literature, your nursing experience and use research examples as appropriate.

Time Allowed: Two (2) hours.

1. (a). Describe one quantitative method of research design (40 marks).
(b) Comment on its usefulness in addressing research problems in nursing and/or midwifery practice. (60 marks)
2. With reference to the literature discuss the advantages and disadvantages of interviewing as a method of data collection. (100 marks)
3. The literature identifies a number of barriers that act to slow the implementation of research evidence.

Discuss with reference to the literature and your own clinical experience the barriers you would anticipate when considering implementing a change in practice based on research evidence and indicate how you would overcome them (100 marks).

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4. Searching the literature is a planned systematic process. With reference to the literature and your own experience: -
 - (a) Discuss the reasons for a nurse to undertake a literature search (50 marks)
 - (b) Identify and discuss the steps you would take in undertaking a literature search. (50 marks).
5. Imagine that you are interested in studying nurses job satisfaction. Describe the steps you would take to research this question. (100 marks).