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SNE 4230 - Individual Written Examination in Research Methodology (SSR3)

Date: Thursday 16 February 2012

Time: 09:00-13:00

Place: HE room 260

Exam information:

Individual written examination in theory of science and research methodology (4 hours) at the beginning of the fourth semester

Grades: A, B, C, D, E and F(ail)

Candidates are not permitted to use any additional examination resources during the written examination.

All questions are to be answered.

1. Describe the characteristics of inductive and deductive research approach.
2. Describe the main advantages and disadvantages of a case study design.
3. Describe benefits and limitations of different sampling procedures in qualitative research using interviews.
4. Describe different factors to secure validity and reliability in research and describe how you have done this in your own master's thesis.

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1. Describe possible reasons for doing a study that replicates and extends previous research.
2. Explain the various ways that a literature review helps a researcher design a study.
3. Describe benefits and limitations of different sampling procedures in quantitative research.
4. Explain the difference between descriptive and explanatory research. Describe types of research designs that are used in each of these two types.