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**Instructions**

1. You are required to provide a research proposal on a topic related to the themes covered in this course.
2. Prepare a research proposal based upon **one** of the potential research topics and questions below.
3. The research proposal should have the following:
  - a) A problem statement (0.5 -1 page).
  - b) A research question.
  - c) A literature review (1-1.5 pages).
  - d) A methodology (0.5-1 page).
  - e) A reference list.
4. Write the proposal in the template below.
5. The proposal should be between 3-4 pages, font size 12, 1.5 line spacing.

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Choose **one** of the following topics and research questions below and prepare a research proposal.

1. You have been asked by the City of Cape Town to conduct research on how the residents of the Marikana informal settlement want their community to be upgraded. Design a research proposal that will address this topic.

or

2. You have been asked by a non-governmental organisation to conduct research on the experiences of informal traders during the level 5 lockdown imposed in April 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Design a research proposal that will address this topic.

Or

3. You have been asked by the Nelson Mandela Bay municipality to conduct research on the degree to which the ward committee system can be said to reflect the principles of participatory governance. Design a research proposal that will address this topic.

### **Problem statement**

Include the following (headings are not required):

- ❖ Brief introduction to the study
- ❖ Rationale/motivation
- ❖ Which leads to the problem statement – what bothers you or are you curious about that warrants a research response? What is the gap/niche for this study?
- ❖ Which leads to the research question.

[20 marks]

### **Summary of Preliminary Literature Review**

Provide a synthesis of the relevant literature for your research topic that demonstrates that you are familiar with the key authors and texts and with the central concepts relevant to your study.

[35 marks]

### **Research Methodology and ethical considerations**

Provide:

- ❖ A brief introduction to the study approach and design (e.g. qualitative or quantitative).
- ❖ Define the sampling method, sample size and recruitment activities. Be as specific as possible, e.g. give intended sample size and motivation for sampling method.
- ❖ Describe the methods of data collection and why these would be suitable for answering the research question.
- ❖ Explain how you would ensure informed consent and describe any other pertinent ethical issues.

[35 marks]

### **Reference list**

- ❖ A complete and correctly formatted reference list.

[10 marks]