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## PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RISK AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

### NOVEMBER 2020 ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

#### Level 3

### RESEARCH METHODS TO RISK AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE: RSM 304

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

1. This question paper comprises of **2** printed pages.
2. The assignment is marked out of **75 marks**.
3. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. The assignment is due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 and shall be uploaded on the CIRSM Student online learning portal website: [www.cirsm.com](http://www.cirsm.com).
6. Students should subscribe to the subjects they seek to write examinations on the website portal between the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2020-8<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
7. Students are expected **NOT** to exceed **4 pages** per question.
8. Students must submit the assignments in Microsoft Word format.
9. **Assignments expire after every examination sitting.**

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#### QUESTION 1

- a) Choose any industry of your choice in any country with a view to developing a risk and security management related research topic and objectives.

#### **Required:**

- i) Craft a risk and security management related research topic in any industry of your choice. The topic should not exceed 25 words addressing the basic requirements of any topic.  
[2 MARKS]
- ii) From the research topic, give a statement of the problem in less than 150 words.  
[6 MARKS]
- iii) Develop **FOUR** research objectives and corresponding **FOUR** research questions.  
[8 MARKS]



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- b) With the aid of examples, demonstrate ways in which research objectives should be **S.M.A.R.T.** **[9 MARKS]**

## **QUESTION 2**

Assuming the organisation identified in 1a) above wishes to conduct a research in a risk and security management area of study and you have been appointed to conduct the research using both the qualitative and quantitative research methods. Make a presentation to the Chief Executive Officer on any area of your choice, clearly comparing and contrasting both methods of research.

**[25 MARKS]**

## **QUESTION 3**

In view of the research topic chosen in question 1a) above, explain the importance of literature review, and justify its significance in research.

**[25 MARKS]**

**\*\*\*END OF ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS\*\*\***