**Discussion Questions**

**Chapter 9: Qualitative Methods**

1. Examine the list of characteristics of qualitative research provided on pages 185-186, which three characteristics do you think will be most important in your research? Justify your choice.

2. Why do you think the researcher is so important when conducting qualitative research?

3. What do you perceive is the most important role of gatekeepers in qualitative research? Explain.

4. To what extent do you think having data analysis in qualitative research goes hand-in-hand with data collection, and write-up of findings may cause confusion for the researcher?

5. Discuss the relative merits of using manual as opposed to computer based coding when completing qualitative data analysis.

6. What do you understand by the concept “rich, thick description”?