



# **MASENO UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR  
THE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL WORK  
(CITY CAMPUS)**

**ACW 07: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS AND  
STATISTICS**

*Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2012*

*Time: 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.*

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FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER (DAY)

Answer any **THREE** Questions.

1. Briefly discuss the following ethical issues in social science research:
  - i) Voluntary participation; (5.3Marks)
  - ii) Confidentiality; (5Marks)
  - iii) Risk of harm; (4Marks)
  - iv) Informed consent; (5Marks)
  - v) Anonymity. (4Marks)
2. Describe the following steps in the process of conducting social research:
  - i) Literature reviewing; (6 Marks)
  - ii) Clarifying the problem. (5.3Marks)
  - iii) Clearly defining terms and concepts. (6Marks)
  - iv) Defining the population. (6Marks)
3. a) Explain the FOUR basic classifications of research. (12Marks)  
b) Differentiate between probability and non probability sampling. (6Marks)  
c) Explain participant observation as a method of collecting data. (5.3Marks)
4. a) State and explain the THREE main methods of collecting qualitative data. (11.3Marks)  
b) Explain the importance of conducting:
  - i) Basic research; (6Marks)

- ii) Applied research. (6Marks)
5. a) Differentiate between a structured and a semi-structured questionnaire. (7.3Marks)
- b) Explain the four steps in analysing qualitative data. (8Marks)
- c) Differentiate between exploratory and descriptive types of research. (8Marks)
6. a) Define the following terms as used in research:
- i) Social work research; (3Marks)
  - ii) Scientific research; (3Marks)
  - iii) Purposive sampling; (3 Marks)
  - v) Data; (3Marks)
  - vi) Social statistics; (3Marks)
  - vii) Variable; (3Marks)
  - viii) Respondents; (2.3Marks)
  - ix) Researcher. (3 Marks)