



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

CITY CAMPUS

**ASO 810: ADVANCED RESEARCH SKILLS FOR SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

Date: 7th December, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



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1. Examine the contribution of any FOUR epistemological perspectives to modern science praxis. (20 marks)
2. Discuss any THREE action research methods for development and policy issues. (20 marks)
3. Examine the circumstances that might prompt you to choose EITHER probability OR non-probability procedures in choosing study subjects. (20 marks)
4. Assume you have been hired by a government agency to undertake either a cross-sectional or longitudinal study on causes of rural poverty. How would you differentiate the two and what steps would you follow in designing the research project? (20 marks)
5. a). Examine the differences between structured, unstructured and semi-structured interviews in social science research. (10 marks)

b). explain the advantages and disadvantages of using life history narratives to generate public policy data. (10 marks)
6. discuss the uses of content analysis in organizing data. (20 marks)