



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE  
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

**ALI 800: RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

*Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014*

*Time: 9.00 – 12noon*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer THREE questions in total. Question one is compulsory.
- Avoid duplication of material in answer to more than one question.



*Answer THREE questions in all. Question ONE (1) is compulsory.  
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1. Outline the major stages in academic research proposal.
2. Discuss the importance of a pre-proposal in the academic research proposal process.
3. "The quality of a research proposal is largely determined by the depth of the literature review. Discuss.
4. Discuss the major ethical issues in research proposal.
5. "The real soul of an academic research is theoretical or conceptual framework. An academic research that is not well-grounded theoretically or conceptually is not worth the effort." Discuss the relevance of this statement to the research proposal.
6. What is the significance of sampling in research proposal?
7. Examine the common mistakes in research proposal writing.

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