



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)

EDU 801: RESEARCH METHODS IN EDUCATION

Date: 23rd December, 2013

Time: 9.00 – 12.00 noon

INSTRUCTIONS:

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1a) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research paradigms.

(10 marks)

b) Outline the advantages and limitations of a case study research design.

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2. Like all research that involves human subjects, the survey researcher needs to consider the ethical manner in which the research is carried out.

Comment on this. (20 marks)

3. Describe the key qualities expected from an effective literature review in a research proposal. (20 marks)

4. Briefly elaborate on the following sampling techniques:

a) Convenience sampling (4 marks)

b) Cluster sampling (4 marks)

c) Purposive sampling (4 marks)

d) Systematic sampling (4 marks)

e) Stratified sampling (4 marks)

5. Researchers generally begin by formulating research questions that guide

and provide focus for their research. Such questions can emerge from a