



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS)

ASO 804: METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Date: 26th July, 2013

Time: 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ Answer ONLY THREE questions.

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Answer only **THREE** questions.

- 1 (a). Outline the characteristics of scientific research. (4 Marks)
(b). Discuss any **FOUR** types of qualitative research, clearly showing their merits and demerits. (16 Marks)
2. Discuss the ways in which a researcher may contravene ethical considerations while undertaking social science research. (20 Marks)
3. Discuss the significance of research in stimulating development in Africa. (20 Marks)
- 4 (a). Discuss **FOUR** forms of non-probability sampling in the social sciences. (8 Marks)
(b). Discuss the various principles that should govern a researcher when collecting data through the interview method. (12 Marks)
5. Describe any **FOUR** components of a research proposal, clearly showing their significance in the research process. (20 Marks)
6. "Research report writing for a thesis or a project is a process". Explore the main elements required in writing a research report for a thesis or a project. (20 Marks)