



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

HSO 022: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: APRIL 9, 2019

TIME: 2.00PM – 4.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY Other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Using appropriate examples differentiate between preliminary pages and background of a research problem. (5 marks)
- b) Evaluate the differences between Problem statement and Research objectives of a study. (5 marks)
- c) What are the differences between a conceptual framework and theoretical framework? (5 marks)
- d) Define the following terms in research. (5 marks)
- i) Research design
 - ii) Population
 - iii) Census
 - iv) Sampling



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- v) Pilot studies
- vi) Differentiate between Descriptive and inferential statistics. (5 marks)
- e) Briefly explain five factors that should be taken into consideration by a researcher in selecting an appropriate method for data collection. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly demonstrate how you can conduct a literature review during a research.
- b) Differentiate between Exploratory and Descriptive research design.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) What are the characteristics and functions of a research report?
- b) Give an account of the contents of a research report.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Giving relevant examples, demonstrate chronologically the different steps involved in a research process.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain in detail, the different methods of data collection in research.
- b) Explain the terms arithmetic mean, median, mode, geometric mean and harmonic mean.
- c) Find out the standard deviation for the following data 17,13,15,17,25,21,23.

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