



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR  
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PSA 2218  
COURSE TITLE: THEORY AND METHODS OF  
POLITICAL INQUIRY**

**DATE: 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2019**

**TIME: 0830 - 1030 HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Questions **ONE** and any other **TWO**.

1. a) Discuss the concept Theory as used in Social Sciences **(6 marks)**  
 b) Explain the utility of theories in the Social Research **(12 marks)**  
 c) Discuss the characteristics of a good theory **(12 marks)**
  
2. With reference to Thomas Kuhn, discuss how the Modernization paradigm led to the rise of the Dependency paradigm. **(20 marks)**
  
3. Discuss the fact-value dichotomy in the study of Politics in social science research. **(20 marks)**
  
4. a) What is sampling? **(5 marks)**  
 b) Discuss the factors that influence the size of a sample . **(15 marks)**
  
5. A student set out to conduct a research project in 47 Counties in Kenya. His dependent variable was “County Performance” while the independent variable was “Governor’s Level of Education”
  - a. Suggest a suitable title for this project **(2 marks)**
  - b. Draft a plausible Statement of the research problem for the project **(6 marks)**
  - c. Formulate two suitable empirical research questions for the project **(4 marks)**
  - d. Outline two plausible objectives for the study **(4 marks)**
  - e. Formulate research hypotheses for the project **(4 marks)**

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