



**MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY
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2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SECOND YEAR SEMESTER TWO

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

COURSE CODE: PSA 2218-1

**COURSE TITLE: THEORY AND METHODS
OF POLITICAL INQUIRY**

DATE:

TIME:

Instructions

- *Do not write anything on the question paper.*
- *Answer **QUESTION 1** and any other **TWO** questions*
- *Rough work can be done on the answer booklet and crossed through.*

QUESTION ONE

- a) You have been tasked as a researcher in political science to conduct a research on a topic entitled; **Voter Behavior in General Elections and its Implications on the Development of Liberal Democracy in Kenya.**
- i) Identify the dependent and independent variables in the research topic and show their relationship. **(2 Marks)**
- ii) Formulate three research objectives for your study. **(3 Marks)**
- iii) Based on the objectives in **(ii)** above, formulate three research questions. **(3 Marks)**
- iv) Identify the appropriate research design that you will adopt and justify its appropriateness to your study. **(3 Marks)**
- v) Identify three target cohorts that you will rely on to obtain your research data and justify your consideration on such groups. **(3 Marks)**
- vi) Justify why the use of questionnaires in obtaining primary data will be appropriate in your study. **(3 Marks)**
- vii) Using examples identify and discuss the ethical considerations you will adhere to, in your research study. **(3 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Examine the features of institutionalism as an approach in political inquiry. **(6 Marks)**
- b) Discuss the stages involved in research process in political science inquiry. **(9 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the tenets of case studies and surveys in political inquiry. **(15 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Identify and discuss any **TWO** non-probability sampling techniques used in political science research. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Discuss how quantitative and qualitative research techniques are used in political science research. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the tenets of document analysis and interviews and their advantages as research instruments in political inquiry. **(9 Marks)**
- b) Critique positivism as research paradigms in political inquiry **(6 Marks)**

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