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2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MA PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PSA 8103
COURSE TITLE: GENERAL
RESEARCH**

METHODS

DATE: 14TH MAY 2018

TIME: 08.30 – 11.00 AM.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Answer **QUESTION ONE** any other **TWO** questions

This paper consists of 2 printed pages. Please turn over.

1. a) Analyze the meaning of the term research **(5mks)**
b) Describe the properties of scientific research **(5mks)**
c) Explain the limitations of non-scientific methods of inquiry **(10mks)**

2. a) Describe five research designs used in social science research **(10mks)**
b) Compare and contrast quantitative and qualitative research paradigms **(10mks)**

3. a) Explain the rationale for operational definition of terms in research. **(10mks)**
b) Demonstrate the relevance of theoretical framework in research **(10mks)**

4. a) examine the role of literature review in research **(10mks)**
b) Describe four probability sampling techniques used research

5. a) Discuss the use of questionnaire in research as opposed to interview schedule **(10mks)**
b) Describe the main components of chapter one in a research proposal **(10mks)**

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