



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK**

COURSE CODE: DSW 204

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN
SOCIAL WORK**

DATE: 23RD APRIL, 2019

TIME: 1100 - 1300HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other THREE questions.*
- *Question one carries 25 marks*
- *All other questions carry 15 marks*

QUESTION ONE

There has been an increase in teenage pregnancy resulting to school dropout in your sub-location as result of sexual abuse. Suppose you want to carry out research on this;

- i. Identify a relevant search topic for your study **(2 marks)**
- ii. Provide a brief problem statement to your study. **(5marks)**
- iii. Identify any four objectives for your study **(4 marks)**
- iv. Formulate research questions from your objectives **(4 marks)**
- v. Draft a questionnaire and/or an interview schedule that you will use to collect data based on the objectives. **(5 marks)**
- vi. Explain the ethical consideration that you will observe during data collection. **(5 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the classification of research by:

- i) Method of data analysis
- ii) Type of research
- iii) Purpose of research **(15 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe various types of non-probability sampling. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the purpose of research to a practicing social worker. **(5 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research **(15 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Demonstrate the criteria for selecting a sampling procedure **(10 marks)**
- b) Highlight factors that influence the sample size **(5 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Write a lucid note on the steps in carrying out literature review. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the purpose of literature review. **(5 marks)**

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