



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR  
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SCIENCES  
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES**

**COURSECODE: INS 302  
COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS**

**DATE: 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2018**

**TIME:11:00AM-1:00PM**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Question ONE (1) in Section "A " is Compulsory**
- **Answer any Two (2) Questions from Section "B"**
- **Illustrate your answers where necessary**

## **SECTION "A": COMPULSORY QUESTION**

Q1a). Briefly explain the following concepts as heavily used in research methods

- i. Steps in formulating Research process **(6 marks)**
- i. Theoretical Framework **(6 marks)**
- ii. Conceptual framework **(6 marks)**
- ii. Research method **(6 marks)**
- iii. Research Theories **(6 marks)**

## **SECTION "B" ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION**

Q2 a) Identify at least five (5) research methods and explain how they may be used in social sciences as insight means to an undiscovered truth.

**(10 marks)**

b) Explain how data are collected, processed and administered in research methods.

**(10 marks)**

Q3 (a) What are the processes in carrying out Literature Review. **(10 marks)**

(b) Why are; Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sources of Information essential while carrying out research process?

**(10 marks)**

Q4 (a) Discuss how "Participatory type of Research methods" is different from other research methodologies in social sciences.

**(10 marks)**

(b) Give at least five (5) types of research methods.

**(10 marks)**

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