



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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

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

**COURSE CODE: PSA 1207
COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

DATE: 18TH APRIL, 2019

TIME: 0830 – 1030HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*
- *Question one carries 30 marks*
- *All other questions carry 20 marks*

QUESTION ONE

- a) Outline and describe the guidelines on how to write a research proposal **(20 marks)**
- b) Describe the major steps followed when conducting a successful interview **(10 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Distinguish between the following: **(20 marks)**

- a) Qualitative and Quantitative research
- b) Population and sampling
- c) Interview and questionnaires
- d) Systematic and stratified sampling

QUESTION THREE

Discuss primary data collection methods used in research. Give their advantages and disadvantages **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain why one would engage in scientific research **(10 marks)**
- b) Describe the characteristics which would distinguish scientific research from any other form of inquiry **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the significance of sampling in research **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the types of probability sampling. Give two types of non-probability sampling **(10 marks)**

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