



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

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

**M.A(LINGUISTICS)**

**COURSE CODE: LIN 8208**

**COURSE TITLE: LINGUISTICS RESEARCH METHODS**

**DATE: 25/4/2023**

**TIME: 0830-1130 HRS**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer any **THREE** questions

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1. a). Using a linguistic topic of your choice, formulate the following :

- i. Research objectives
- ii. Research hypothesis
- iii. Statement of the problem

(10mks)

b). Explain do you understand by each the following terms:

- i. Appendices
- ii. Referencing
- iii. Foot notes
- iv. Bibliography
- v. Research purpose.

(10mks)

2. Describe using appropriate examples, the following sets of measures as used in research data analysis:

- a. Measures of central tendency
- b. Measures of variability

(20mks)

3. a). Using a linguistic research topic, distinguish between independent and dependent variables. (10mks)

b). Discuss any five qualities of a questionnaire. (10mks)

4. Evaluate any three sampling procedures that a linguistic researcher may use in his/her study. Base your answer on a specific linguistic research problem. (20mks)

5. What is linguistic data? Working with a research problem from the area of applied linguistics, describe how you would handle issues of representativeness of a speaker population and linguistic data. (20mks)

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