



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE (SW)**

**COURSE CODE: MSW 8210  
COURSE TITLE: QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE  
DATA PROCESSING**

**DATE: 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**TIME: 1100 – 1300 HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**Answer any THREE questions**

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1. Discuss distinctions made between Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods; give examples and illustrations.  
**(20 Marks)**
2. Examine the significance of action and interactive research processes in data formulations.  
**(20 Marks)**
3. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods as applied in the study for social sciences.  
**(20 Marks)**
4. What role has philosophy played in developing contemporary traditions of research methods? Give relevant examples  
**(20 Marks)**
5. Explain how grounded theory has legitimized qualitative research methods.  
**(20 Marks)**

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