



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY &  
ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PSA 8210**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**DATE: 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2018**

**TIME: 08.30 - 11.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer question ONE and any TWO questions

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1. Explain the meaning and importance of research as represented by various scholars. **(20 mks)**
  
2. Analyse the various steps that are followed in political science research. Give examples for your answer. **(20 mks)**
  
3. Examine the various methods used in data collection in political science research. **(20 mks)**
  
4. In your own opinion what ethical considerations should be taken into account when carrying out research in political science? **(20 mks)**
  
5. (a) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research. **(10 mks)**  
  
(b) State the main challenges that face modern research in political science. **(10 mks)**

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