



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2020/ 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES  
DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK AND  
DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**COURSE CODE: DSW 2115**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS FOR  
SOCIAL WORKERS**

**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021**

**TIME: 1100 - 1300HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions**

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## **SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Define the concept “**Research**” (2 Marks)
- b) Describe the significance of research for social studies students (3 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between Tradition and Authority as non-scientific sources of knowledge in research (2 Marks)
- d) Differentiate between Research Methods and Research Methodology (3 Marks)
- e) Explain the following as used in research methods
- i. Measures of Central Tendency (2 Marks)
  - ii. Measures of Dispersion (2 Marks)
  - iii. Inferential Statistics (2 Marks)
  - iv. Type I and type II errors (2 Marks)
  - v. Hypothesis testing (2 Marks)
- f) Briefly describe **FIVE** major types of Qualitative research designs (10 Marks)

## **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Differentiate between Qualitative and Quantitative research (10Marks)
- b) Differentiate between Convenience and Purposive Sampling (10 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Describe the role of Literature review in the research Process (15 Marks)
- b) Describe any two research designs as used in Research Methods (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Define the term referencing and explain the four major types of referencing styles as used in research today (10 Marks)
- b) Explain using examples how one can cite the following;
- i. A book written by one author (2 Marks)
  - ii. A book written by more than 3 authors (2 Marks)
  - iii. A journal article (2 Marks)
- c) Differentiate between the following terms as used in research
- i. Independent variable and Dependent Variable (2 Marks)
  - ii. Moderating Variable and Intervening variable (2 Marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Describe the stages of creating a Focus Group Discussion (5 Marks)
- b) Describe any two methods of data collection in Research (5 Marks)
- c) Describe the qualities of a good **statement of the problem** (5 Marks)
- d) Distinguish between reliability and validity of research instruments (5 Marks)

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