



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
B. A. CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: CRP 3232-1
COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN
CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY**

DATE: 19/4/2023

TIME: 1430-1630 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Answer Questions **ONE (compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions

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QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- (a) "Literature review involves the systematic identification, location and analysis of documents containing information to the research problems being investigated". In view of the above statement, explain the purpose of literature review in research. **(10Marks)**
- (b) Explain the meaning and importance of research as postulated by various scholars. **(6 Marks)**
- (b) Explain the **four** (4) types of interview approaches. **(4Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- (c) Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative research design showing when each is most appropriate. **(10Marks)**
- (d) Apart from a questionnaire, list **three (3)** research instruments one may use for data collection. **(5Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain **four** (4) types of research designs. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) List the scales of measurement in research. **(5 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Write brief notes on the following concepts in research:

- (a) Census inquiry **(3Marks)**
- (b) Sample design **(3Marks)**
- (c) Reliability **(3Marks)**
- (d) Pilot test **(3Marks)**
- (e) Plagiarism **(3Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Assess the focus of the new penology in comparison to the old penology. **(10Marks)**
- (b) "Research is a process of collecting, analyzing and interpreting information to answer questions". To qualify research, the process must have certain characteristics. Explain some of these characteristics. **(10Marks)**

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