



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

COURSE CODE: ECDE 317

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN CHILD
AND FAMILY STUDIES**

DATE: 17TH APRIL, 2018

TIME: 1100 - 1300HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Attempt question 1 (ONE) and any other 2 (two) questions in section B

This paper consists of 2 printed pages. Please turn over.

Section A

- 1 a)** State the major difference between causal-comparative and experimental research designs **(4Mks)**
- b)** Briefly describe five characteristics of a good research study **(5Mks)**
- c)** In the study “The impact of price increase on beer consumption in Kenya identify the dependent and the independent variable. **(4Mks)**
- d)** Identify the four major methods of random or probability sampling **(4mks)**
- e)** Formulate and write your own example of a null hypothesis. **(5Mks)**
- f)** give eight specific criteria which makes a research problem to be feasible **(8Mks)**

SECTION B

- 2a)** What are the advantages and disadvantages of using questionnaires as instruments of data Collection. **(12Mks)**
- b)** Explain using four examples the importance of conducting a literature review before starting a research project. **(8Mks)**
- 3a)** Explain six major challenges you may encounter when collecting data from early childhood Centers in Narok county **(12Mks)**
- b)** Briefly describe four examples or cases when snowball sampling can be used when collecting data **(8Mks)**
- 4a)** Identify the major sections of chapter one of a research proposal. **(5Mks)**
- b)** Describe briefly the information found in these sections. **(15Mks)**

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