



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE : PSA 2218  
COURSE TITLE : THEORY AND METHODS OF  
POLITICAL INQUIRY**

**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**TIME: 1100 - 1300 HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- *Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*
- *Question one carries 30 marks*
- *All other questions carry 20 marks*

### **QUESTION ONE**

A) Discuss the contribution of Descartes to political inquiry.

**(15 marks)**

B) Describe the characteristics of scientific inquiry.

**(15 marks)**

### **QUESTION TWO**

Discuss the contribution of the following in political inquiry;

a) Lakatos

**(10 marks)**

b) Russell

**(10 marks)**

### **QUESTION THREE**

a) With examples, describe the shortfall in use of history as a basis of validating research.

**(10 marks)**

b) Discuss the role of data in political inquiry.

**(10 marks)**

### **QUESTION FOUR**

With examples, explain the role of the following in scientific research;

a) Value judgement

**(10 marks)**

b) Objectivity

**(10 marks)**

### **QUESTION FIVE**

a) Describe methods of scientific investigation.

**(10 marks)**

b) Describe the stages of a research process.

**(10 marks)**

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