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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)

ASO 804: METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Date: 27th July, 2013

Time: 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ♦ Answer ANY THREE questions .

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Answer any **THREE** questions.

1a) i. Think of any logical, social and researchable problem situation in your locality. (2 Marks)

ii. Provide discrepancy for the problem situation that has been identified. (2 Marks)

iii. Formulate problem question for the discrepancy and possible answers to the question. (4Marks)

iv. Generate logical specific objectives that can be investigated about the problem situation. (3 Marks)

v. Provide a logical general objective that can be formulated about the problem. (2 Marks)

b) A good research process should start with an identified existing researchable problem. Elucidate possible sources of researchable social problem. (7 Marks)

2. a) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of using both quantitative and qualitative research approaches in social research. (5 Marks)

b) Describe the steps involved in descriptive research. (15 Marks)

3. a) Describe the steps involved in qualitative data analysis process. (12 Marks)

b) Expound on ethical requirements that concern a researcher in a social research undertaking. (8 Marks)

4. a) Describe the steps involved in causal-comparative research. (10 Marks)

b) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of causal-comparative research in social issues. (5 Marks)

c) Explain the link between the research question and research hypothesis. (5Marks)

5. a) Explain the standard requirements in reporting and dissemination process of research findings. (12 Marks)

b) Sequentially explain significance of each section of research findings report. (8 Marks)

6 a) Discuss steps in social research and indicate the significance of each step. (10 Marks)

b) Describe measurement scales using examples where applicable. (4Marks)

c) Elucidate the relevance of baseline data in evaluation research. (6Marks)