



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**ACS 204: QUALITATIVE METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY**

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ANY FOUR questions.



**ACS 204: Qualitative methods in criminology (Regular, Maseno main campus)**

**Year two, semester two**

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1. Discuss the importance of the following competing epistemologies of human behaviour.
    - (i) Rationalism vs. Empiricism (8.5 marks)
    - (ii) Positivism vs. humanism (9 marks)
  2. Examine the basic assumptions of science. (17.5 marks)
  3. Explain the benefits of sampling and discuss **THREE** non-probability sampling procedures. (17.5 marks)
  4. Assume you are working as a research consultant for an organization that deals with social causes of crime and delinquency. What factors would you consider in determining whether you will use a cross-sectional or longitudinal approach in designing a study for the organization? (17.5 marks)
  5. Explain the differences between unstructured, semi-structured and structured interviews. Use examples to illustrate your answer. (17.5 marks)
  6. Examine **ONE** qualitative data collection method and explain how you would analyse data from this method. (17.5 marks)
  7. Discuss the importance of ethical codes of conduct in criminological research. (17.5 marks)
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