



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS

(CITY CAMPUS - EVENING)

DIR 803: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS

Date: 23rd July, 2014

Time: 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **THREE** questions, at least **ONE** from **EACH** Section.



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Answer three questions, at least one from each section.

SECTION A

1. Discuss the assumptions of positivism and postpositivism, showing their contrasting methodological approaches in social science research.
2. With reference to the characteristics of scientific knowledge, discuss the view that there is nothing "science" in social science research.

SECTION B

3. Literature review is central to the development of a research proposal in social science research. Discuss.
4. Discuss the types of qualitative research designs in social science.
5. With examples of probability sampling methods, discuss the view that the representativeness of a sample is largely a matter of chance.
6. Explain the statistical techniques for bivariate and multivariate data analysis in social science research.