



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**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: 21st April, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



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

Year Two, Semester Two

Answer any THREE questions.

1. (a) Discuss the competing epistemologies of rationalism and empiricism. (10 marks)
(b) Examine the basic assumptions of science. (13.3 marks)
2. Explain the relevance of qualitative techniques in criminological research. (23.3 marks)
3. Assume you are planning to undertake a longitudinal study on causes of drug abuse. Explain any **FOUR** sampling techniques you might use and justify your choices. (23.3 marks)
4. Explain the basic elements of grounded theory. (23.3 marks)
5. Examine the principles and usefulness of nominal group interviews. (23.3 marks)
6. Explain why criminological research should be guided by ethical codes of conduct. (23.3 marks)