

**MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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**2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE:** **SOC 310**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**DATE: 4TH MAY 2016 TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

*This paper consists of* ***TWO*** *printed pages. Please turn over.*

Q1 a) Explain these terms as used in social research

1. Positivism **(2marks)**
2. Ethics ( **2marks)**
3. Research process ( **2marks)**
4. Literature review ( **2marks)**
5. Interpretive research (**2marks)**

b) As a researcher what are the approaches and strategies you will put in place when carrying out research? (**10marks)**

c) Discuss the importance of interpreting data in research? (**10maarks**)

Q2 Discuss the role played by computers in social science research

(**20marks)**

Q3 a) State the contents of a research proposal (**10marks**)

b) Discuss the importance of a research proposal to a researcher

(**10marks)**

Q4 a) Discuss the role of theories in social research? ( **10marks**)

b) Discuss the ethical issues that a researcher must observe ( **10marks)**

Q5 Choose a topic of your own and write a research proposal in preparation for field research **( 20marks**)

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