



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS

ASO 803: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

Date: 19th February, 2018

Time: 2.00 -5.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



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Answer any **THREE** Questions

1. Discuss the epistemology of social science research. (20 marks)
2. Using relevant examples, discuss the strengths and weakness of quantitative research approaches in social sciences. (20 marks)
3. Critically examine experimental and cross-sectional research designs relevant to social research. (20 marks)
4. Examine different probability sampling techniques relevant to social science research. (20 marks)
5. As a social scientist, explain how you would ensure high levels of internal and external validity in research. (20 marks)
6. Discuss the inherent ethical dilemmas facing social scientists when conducting researches among vulnerable populations. (20 marks)