



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

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

MAIN CAMPUS

ALN 804: RESEARCH METHODS I

Date: 7th March, 2018

Time: 2.00 - 5.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO



1. 'Research is a process by which scientific methods are used to expand knowledge in a particular field of study'(Welman and Kruger, 2001:2). Discuss the validity of this statement. (30 marks)
2. With appropriate illustrations, discuss the methods of any THREE of the following approaches to research:
 - a) Participatory
 - b) Descriptive
 - c) Survey
 - d) Diachronic(15 marks)
3. With appropriate illustrations, explain the concept 'research variable'. (15 marks)
4. Discuss any THREE methods of data collection and outline their merits and demerits. (15 marks)
5. With illustrations from language studies, explain the significance of research objectives and research questions. collection