



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **ONE** **FIRST** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: EDU 894A

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

EXAMINATION DURATION: 2 HOURS

DATE: 09/04/18

TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Analyze the term research [3 marks]
- (b) Describe the importance of sampling in research [6 marks]
- (c) Using examples, explain the phrase operational definition of variables as it is used in research [6 marks]
- (d) Describe your understanding of a research problem as it is used in research [10 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Discuss the major differences between qualitative and quantitative research [9 marks]
- (b) Demonstrate that the non scientific methods of inquiry cannot be depended upon [9 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain why one would engage in scientific research. [10 marks]
- (b) Describe the characteristics which would distinguish scientific research from any other form of inquiry [8 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Highlight the major sources of literature review in research [3 marks]
- (b) Discuss why literature review is important in research process [12 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss the significance of background information in research [6 marks]
- (b) Differentiate between theoretical and conceptual framework in research [9 marks]

QUESTION SIX

- Discuss the major elements of a research proposal [15 marks]

