



MURANG'A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A CONSTITUENT COLLEGE OF JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY)
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR:

END OF SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

HPS 2111: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY 1

CLASSES BPSM YI S2, BPSM YR2 S2

DATE: 17TH APRIL 2015

APRIL 2015

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

a) Define the following terms as used in research methods

- i. Internal validity (3marks)
- ii. External validity (3marks)
- iii. Target population (4marks)
- iv. Research Problem (4marks)

b) Differentiate observation research from co- relational research (10marks)

c) What are the advantages and disadvantages of sampling (6marks?)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the importance of the following components of a research project:

a) Background to the study (10 marks)

b) Methodology (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Using relevant examples, justify the use of samples in research (10marks)

What are the five main elements to consider in academic writing? (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Using the APA style of referencing show how you would prepare the reference page of your research project. List at least five titles (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the stages in the process of writing a research project (20 marks)