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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

MPM 501/MDS 508/MPS 505: RESEARCH METHODS

Date: DECEMBER 2019

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Questions ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. You have been asked to carry out a study on the factors explaining crime in Ongata Rongai, Kajiado County, Kenya:
- a. Formulate four specific objectives **(3 marks)**
 - b. State four hypotheses that would support the study. State them both in null and alternative **(3 marks)**
 - c. State four research questions to be addressed by the study **(3 marks)**
 - d. Draw a conceptual framework to show the relationship between the various variables of the study **(3 marks)**
 - e. Give a detailed statement of the problem of the study **(3 marks)**
- Q2. a. Define the term research **(1 mark)**
- b. State discuss and illustrate the utility of the following:
- i. Four reasons behind the importance of knowing how to carry out the research **(4 marks)**
 - ii. Six reasons as to why research is important for one to master **(10 marks)**

- Q3. a. Define the term literature review **(2 marks)**
- b. Outline the various formats that literature review can be presented in **(3 marks)**
- c. Of what importance does literature review play in the research? Give at least five of them, using illustrations to support your arguments **(10 marks)**
- Q4. With illustrations, explain the various scales/levels of measurement used in research. **(15 marks)**
- Q5. a) Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research designs. **(6 marks)**
- b) Discuss the main sources of secondary data in research. Use examples **(9 marks)**
- Q6. Write short notes on the following:
- a. Significance of the study versus justification of the study **(5 marks)**
- b. Conceptual framework versus theoretical framework **(5 marks)**
- c. Target population versus sample size **(5 marks)**

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