



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
ACADEMICS, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

FOR THE DIPLOMA OF SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: DSW 213

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH
METHODS**

DATE: 18TH DECEMBER, 2019

TIME: 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- SEE INSIDE

THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PRINTED PAGES

PLEASE TURN OVER



DSW 213: SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS

STREAM: Diploma (Social Work)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- i. *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.*
- ii. *Do not write on the question paper.*

Question One

You want to conduct a Research on factors contributing to child abuse in Busia County

- a) Identify a data collection method you will use (2 Marks)
- b) Give TWO reasons for choosing it (4 Marks)
- c) Identify the type of sampling tool that you will use (2 Marks)
- d) What are THREE advantages of the sampling tool above? (6 Marks)
- e) What are THREE disadvantages of the sampling tool? (6 Marks)
- f) Citing examples, discuss FIVE reasons for studying research methods to social work students (10 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Discuss FOUR disadvantages of an interview as a data collection method (8 Marks)
- b) Differentiate between
 - i. Pure and applied research (4 Marks)
 - ii. Inductive and deductive reasoning (4Marks)
 - iii. Independent and dependent variable (4Marks)

Question Three

- a) Define a theory (2Marks)
- b) Assess FOUR importance of theory in research process. (4 Marks)
- c) Explain THREE factors that make a researcher use a sample instead of the whole population when conducting research (6 Marks)
- d) Discuss FOUR advantages of using questionnaires as a data collection tool (8 Marks)

Question Four

- a) Discuss FIVE ethical issues and considerations in social research (10 Marks)
- b) Explain how a researcher/scientist attempts to solve the ethical issues above. (10 Marks)

Question Five

- a) Using examples explain FOUR levels of measurement in social research (12 Marks)
- b) Discuss FOUR advantages of using the observation method of collecting data (8 Marks)

