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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAM

**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
REGULAR EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE CERTIFICATE
OF
SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE CODE: CSD 010

COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 21/4/2022

TIME: 8.00-10.00AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Question ONE (1) is compulsory.

Answer any other TWO questions

DURATION: 2 HOURS

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Explain the various methods of data collection you can employ as a researcher.
(20 Marks)
- b) Explain the research cycle. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Elucidate the importance of research in society and its relevance in solving human social problems. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the components of a research proposal. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Using examples expound on the TWO major types of variables i.e. dependent and independent variables. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Literature review is an integral part of a research process. Discuss the objectives of literature review in research. (10 marks)
- b) Distinguish between a research proposal and a project proposal (5 marks)
- c) Differentiate between research methods and research methodology. (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explain the merits and demerits of observation as a method of data collection in the research process. (20 marks)