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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL  
PLANNING, ECONOMICS AND POLICY STUDIES**

**COURSE CODE: EPM901**

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH**

**DATE: 18 DECEMBER 2023**

**TIME: 0800HRS – 1100HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Any **THREE (3)** Questions

TIME: 3 Hours

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### **QUESTION ONE**

Using relevant examples discuss the determinants of the choice of data collection instruments in qualitative studies (20 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) According to Thomas Kuhn, qualitative methods are not well – suited for testing hypotheses Discuss this claim (7 marks)
- b) Discuss four strategies a researcher should apply to ensure Trustworthiness of findings in inductive methods. (8 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

As a Principal of Shikulu secondary school, you have observed low turn-out of parents to school meetings as a perennial problem. The school Board of Management has tasked you to provide interventions through an investigation. Use the situation given to answer the following questions

- a. Draw a conceptual framework for this investigation (10 marks)
- b. How will you present the findings to the school Board of Management (10 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

Using relevant examples, discuss the following Data analysis techniques as used in inductive research methods.

- a. Grounded Theory Analysis (10 marks)
- b. Content Analysis (10 marks)