



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

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY**

**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE**

**OF**

**MASTER OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES/MASTER OF DIPLOMACY  
AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**COURSE CODE: DPC 811**

**COURSE TITLE: THESIS WRITING TECHNIQUES**

**DATE: 28/07/2022**

**TIME: 8 – 11 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Attempt any THREE (3) questions (60 Marks)

Time: 3 Hours

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a. What is a thesis? (3 marks)
- b. Distinguish between the two types of theses. (4 marks)
- c. Explain components of a research proposal. (13 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

Distinguish between a research proposal and a thesis of a Masters student. (20 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

Currently, there exists a diplomatic row between Kenya and Somalia:

- a. Formulate a research topic on the above issue area ( 3 marks)
- b. Formulate a problem statement in relation to your research topic (8 marks)
- c. Write at least 3 objectives to the above study (6 marks)
- d. Give an academic justification to this study (3 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

Differentiate between the following:

- a. Qualitative and quantitative analysis (4 marks)
- b. Primary and secondary data(4 marks)
- c. Target population and sample size (4 marks)
- d. Scope of study and study area (4 marks)
- e. Probability and non-probability sampling techniques (4 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

You have decided to carry out a study on natural resource-use between the Kenya-Uganda cross-border communities:

- a. Explain the methods you would employ in collecting data (6 marks)
- b. Highlight the ethical considerations for your study (5 marks)
- c. Explain the possible limitations that you are likely to encounter during the study and demonstrate how you would counter them so that they do not affect the study?(5 marks)
- d. Of what importance would such a study be to policy makers of the two countries (4 marks)