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

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

**COURSE CODE: CSD 010**

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS**

**DATE: 18/4/2023**

**TIME: 8:00-10:00AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

Question ONE (1) is compulsory.

Answer any other TWO questions

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

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### **QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

- a. Elaborate your understanding of the term research and explain at least SIX reasons for undertaking research. (15 marks)
- b. By use of a well labeled diagram, explain the various steps in the research process. (15marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Explain the SEVEN steps in sampling. (14 marks)
- b) State and explain the important points an individual should consider when choosing a research topic. (6 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

Enumerate the advantages and disadvantages of using interviews as a method of data collection in research. (20 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

Explain the meaning of a research problem and identify at least eight sources of a research problem (20 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

Distinguish between:-

- i. Experimental and Normative Research (4 marks)
- ii. Research questions and Research Objectives (4 marks)
- iii. Concepts and Variables (4 marks)
- iv. Null hypothesis and Alternative hypothesis (4 marks)
- v. Probability and Non-probability sampling (4 marks)

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