MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN EXAM

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF

MASTERS OF ARTS IN COMPERATIVE LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 813

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN LITERATURE

DATE: TUESDAY 5/12/2023   **TIME:**   8:00-11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other Two

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Question One (20 marks)

a) Identify a research topic and briefly illustrate the following: (12 marks)
   i)   The aim of the study (2 marks)
   ii)   Two objectives of the study (2 marks)
   iii)   Null and alternative hypothesis of the study (2 marks)
   iv)   Justification and significance of your study (3 marks)
   v)   Theoretical framework for you study (3 marks)
b) Explain the methodology for your study in a) above (8 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

a) In reference to research define classic scientific method and explain the seven basic steps of the scientific method (14 mks)
b) Explain TWO ways available for researchers to use information gathered from literature sources without accusation of plagiarism (4 marks)
c) Differentiate between in-text citation and a list of reference (2 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

a) Explain five scientific reasons of conducting literature review in research (10 marks)
b) What is the purpose of "Review of Literature" and why it is used while writing a research report?
c) **Discuss the impact a review of the literature has on research questions and the hypothesis (7 marks)**
d) **What** are the three main sources of information, and what part does each play in creating a literature review (3 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

Providing examples for each and stating why there might be considerable overlap among the categories, describe the similarities and differences among grounded theory designs, ethnographic designs, and narrative designs.

Question Five (20 marks)

a) Mentioning possible differences in purpose, method, data sources, and data analysis, explain the difference between qualitative and quantitative research. (10 marks)
b) Explain FIVE reasons why hypothesis is important in research (10 marks)