

CHUKA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2021

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS.

MATH 390: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

TIME: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer question one and any other two questions**

**Adhere to the instructions on the answer booklet.**

**QUESTION ONE Compulsory.**

- a. Explain the difference between primary data and Secondary data 2mks
- b. State at least three assumptions of Sampling 3mks.
- c. List at least four Forms of Hypothesis 4mks
- d. State the main parts of an abstract in a report 6mks
- e. State and briefly explain at least five tools of data collection 5mks
- f. Highlight five Types of Research On the basis of method of research 5mks
- g. Highlight at least six Basic rules in the APA referencing style. 5mks.

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. Highlight and briefly explain 10 sources of applied mathematics research problem 10mks
- b. Highlight the General format of research report: 6mks
- c. Explain the difference between a bibliography and a reference and state at least four referencing styles 5mks

**QUESTION THREE**

- a. Highlight the general steps in Experimental Research Methods 10mks
- b. State and explain at least five Purposes of a Research Design 10mks

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a. Briefly explain the following terms 4mks
- i. Exploratory or formative research studies.
  - ii. Descriptive research studies
  - iii. Diagnostic research studies
  - iv. Hypothesis-testing research studies).
- b. Highlight the criteria to be satisfied by a scientific research 7mks
- c. State at least four questions to be answered in the Evaluation of a research Problem 4mks
- d. Highlight the main characteristics of a good objective 5mks

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Explain the steps in Identification of a Research Problem: 6mks
- b. Explain five Characteristics of Good Research Design: 10mks
- c. List at least five types of variables in research 5mks