



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AHT 316: THEORY AND METHOD IN POLITICAL ENQUIRY

2ND SEMESTER, 2022/2023

TIME: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. Define and discuss the following concepts:
 - (a) Epistemology
 - (b) Methodology
 - (c) Methods
2. What is the nature of scientific inquiry? How can politics be studied scientifically?
3. Identify and discuss the difference between qualitative and quantitative approaches to social science research?
4. What is a case study? Discuss the strength and the weakness of a case-study approach to political inquiry.
5. What are the 'idols' Francis Bacon identified as impediments to scientific inquiry? How do they affect a researcher's view of politics?
6. What is ethics? Outline and discuss some of the key ethical concerns one should address, before embarking on and when doing fieldwork in Kenya.