



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTE OF OPEN LEARNING

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

EFN/M/500: INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

DATE: Saturday 5th February, 2011

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any THREE questions.

1. Discuss the differences between the following concepts as used in Educational Research:
 - i) Basic versus Applied Research
 - ii) Qualitative versus Quantitative Research
 - iii) Research questions versus Research Hypothesis
 - iv) Formative versus Summative evaluation
 - v) Validity versus Reliability
2. Discuss some of the guidelines that are followed in designing questionnaires for conducting survey research?
3. What are some of the considerations that one has to follow in choosing a research method for field work?
4. With reference to purpose, manner of conducting research and the subject matter under investigation, identify and discuss five (5) types of research in the Sociology of Education.
5. You have been tasked by the Ministry of Education to design a study aimed at establishing the factors to consider in establishing a secondary school in a rural community. Discuss:
 - a) The research design you will adopt for the study and the justification;
 - b) The key methods you will use to gather information;
 - c) The main sources of information;
 - d) The best methods of communicating the results of your study to the intended beneficiaries.

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