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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN
PEACE AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
CONFLICT, PEACE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

APCS 800: RESEARCH METHODS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

DATE: Thursday, 30th November 2017

TIME: 5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **any Four** Questions.

1. Analyze the systematic approach to research. Illustrate your answer. [15 Marks]
2. Mary Anyango is pursuing Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Management and is interested in conducting research in Nakuru County on inter-ethnic violence. She has six months to carry out field research on nine sub counties of Nakuru County. The nine sub counties have reported inter-ethnic violence since 1992. Mary Anyango intends to collect data from residents, deputy county commissioners who are chairmen of Sub County Peace Committees, Chiefs, and NGO representatives carrying out peace building initiatives in the County. The inter-ethnic violence is mainly blamed on historical land injustices, youth unemployment, economic marginalization, and political mobilization.
 - (a) Construct an appropriate title for the study. [2 Marks]
 - (b) Explain the most suitable research design for the study. [3 Marks]
 - (c) Analyze two non-probability sampling techniques that Mary Anyango would deploy for the study. [4 Marks]
 - (d) Discuss data collection instruments that will be useful for the study. [6 Marks]
3. Choose a researchable area of your choice in Peace and Conflict Studies and in not more than five (5) paragraphs construct a statement of the problem. [15 Marks]

4. Discuss three research designs applicable in Peace and Conflict Studies. Provide rationale for your choice of the three. [15 Marks]
5. (a) A researcher was studying ethnicity and political mobilization. Part of his targeted respondents included youth who had participated in election violence in the past. Explain a suitable non-probability technique to use. [6 Marks]
- (b) Discuss three probability sampling techniques you can use while researching on Peace and Conflict. [9 Marks]
6. Using relevant examples, discuss the role of theory in research in Peace and Conflict Studies. [15 Marks]