



# KIBABII UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

### THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATIONS

#### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

**COURSE CODE:** EPM 321

**COURSE TITLE:** RESEARCH METHODS IN EDUCATION

**DATE:** MON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 **TIME:** 09:00-11:00HOURS **DURATION:** 2HOURS

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One (compulsory) and Any other TWO (2) Questions

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**SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

- 1a). Using appropriate examples for each, differentiate between basic and applied research in educational studies (8 marks)
- b). Explain four challenges facing educational researchers when conducting research studies (8 marks)
- c) Examine any four sources of knowledge applied when conducting educational research (8 marks)
- d) Providing a clear example of each, differentiate between qualitative research method and quantitative research method in the field of education (6 marks)

**SECTION B: ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

2. Researchers have a strong believe that problems must be solved through research. Discuss five reasons why researchers prefer research studies as a tool for problem solving to other methods (20 marks)
3. Write short notes explaining the relevance of the following parts as used in research studies
  - a) Statement of the problem (5 marks)
  - b) Literature review (5 marks)
  - c) Target population (5 marks)
  - d) Research tools (5 marks)
4. Educational researchers have to stick to a specific code of conduct when investigating problems facing education. Critically examine three ethical considerations affecting participants and two ethical considerations affecting the researcher (20 marks)

