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**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOYRTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**  
**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**  
**COURSE CODE: ECO 402**  
**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ECONOMICS**  
**DATE: 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022    TIME: 2.00PM – 4.00PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Answer a total of **three** questions; question **one** and any other **two** questions.
2. Question **one** carries **30 marks** and each of the other two questions carry **20** marks each.

TIME: 2 Hours



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### QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms as used in research. (6 MKS)
- b) Highlight four reasons of carrying our research in economics in a learning institutions (8 MKS)
- c) Give four reasons that would make a teacher of Business Studies to prefer interview method in collecting data for research. (8 MKS)
- d) Outline four reasons for reporting sources of written data in economics subject research. (8 mks)

### QUESTION TWO

- a) A researcher has identified a research problem in Business studies and intends to collect data. Explain five steps that the researcher would follow. (10 MKS)
- b) Explain FIVE reasons why filling in knowledge gaps in research is important in economics in Kibabii University. (10 Mks)

### QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss five reasons for reviewing literature in research in a topic "money and Banking" studied in Economics in Kibabii University. (10 Mks)
- b) Explain FIVE ethical considerations in research used in all higher learning institutions (10 Mks)

### QUESTION FOUR.

- a) Discuss FIVE reasons why objectives of the study are taken as the backbone of any research. (10 MKS)
- b) Explain the guidelines followed in the formulation of a good hypothesis.

### QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe FIVE factors that a student researcher at Kisii University would consider when developing a research problem. (10 MKS)
- b) Discuss FIVE characteristics of qualitative research, design used by a group of students undertaking sales promotion in a beauty contest in popular clubs in Bungoma County. (10 MKS)