



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND CURRICULUM STUDIES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION/ EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

ECC 903: PROPOSAL WRITING AND PUBLICATION SKILLS

DATE: 13/8/2019

TIME: 11.00-2.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) What constitutes a well thought out research title? (2 marks)
- b) Explain the various types of triangulations necessary to improve the reliability and validity of the research process (6 marks)
- c) Explain the major considerations that you must make in designing a good research questionnaire. (5 marks)
- d) Describe the basic requirements of an abstract of a research (4 marks)
- e) Explain the criteria that should inform your evaluation on the adequacy of following in the research process:
 - i. Research instruments
 - ii. Research participants
 - iii. Ethical requirements (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Explain what a good statement of problem of a study should entail. (3 marks)
- b) Describe the criteria you can use to determine whether a problem of study is feasible. (8 marks)
- c) Citing suitable examples, explain the various sources of a research problem. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

Briefly outline the contents of the various sections of a well written scientific manuscript/paper in accordance with APA style guidelines. (15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

Briefly explain the APA style guidelines or requirements on the following:

- a) Headings
- b) Use of language
- c) General formatting
- d) Table format
- e) Referencing (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between primary and secondary sources of literature that should inform scientific research writing. (4 marks)
- b) Explain the process of abstracting in the process of reviewing literature (5 marks)
- c) Explain the criteria you can use to determine whether the identified literature is worth reviewing for inclusion in the final document. (6 marks)