

FACULTY OF LAW
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

PROGRAMME: LLB

YEAR/SEM: YEAR 3/SEMESTER 2

COURSE CODE: LLB 3208

NAME: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

DATE: 0205-04-17

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Read the instructions very carefully
2. The time allowed for this examination is STRICTLY three hours
3. Read each question carefully before you attempt and allocate your time equally between all the Sections
4. Write clearly and legibly. Illegible handwriting cannot be marked
5. Number the questions you have attempted
6. Use of appropriate workplace examples to illustrate your answers will earn you bonus marks
7. Any examination malpractice detected will lead to automatic disqualification.

DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER

Section A This Question is COMPULSORY.

Question 1:

The residents of Clean Village LC. I, are preparing to carry out a research to ascertain the causes of the high unemployment rates in their village. The residents having heard that you are a student of Social Research Methods they would want you to aid them in this research exercise.

Among the information they intend to share with you are the following books.

1. A book titled "Unemployment in Uganda" written by Stalin Gina which was published by Showboat Publishers in 1999 and it is the first edition.
2. A book by Mead Lowe, second edition titled "Hard work pays" published in 2016 by Honour publishers.
3. A book jointly authored by Hughes Kitaka and Sarai Wamboga titled "The Modern workplace of Uganda" published by Later publishers, first edition of 2020.

They intend to look at these three books as sources of information for their research.

Using the information provided above and your knowledge of social research methods do the following.

- (i) Write an abstract of your research.
- (ii) Write your statement of the problem.
- (iii) Formulate a bibliography using the three books provided.
- (iv) Discuss the significance of your research.

Section B Choose ONE from TWO.

Question 1:

Write short notes distinguishing the following types of research.

- (a) Descriptive and Analytical Research.
- (b) Applied and Fundamental research.
- (c) Quantitative and Qualitative research.
- (d) Conceptual and Empirical research.

Question 2:

Write short notes on the following.

- (a) Research methods.
- (b) Research methodology.
- (c) Primary sources of research.
- (d) Secondary sources of research.
- (e) Tertiary sources of research.

Section C Choose TWO from FOUR

Question 1:

As a researcher explain what you would choose between doctrinal legal research and non doctrinal legal research and why.

Question 2:

Explain the concept of literature review as applied in research methods.

Question 3:

Citing relevant examples discuss the sources of information in social research methods.

Question 4:

As a scholar of social research methods, between random sampling and non-random sampling what would advise a researcher to use to carry out a research and why?