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**THARAKA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY**

**GEOG 849: RESEARCH METHODS AND TECHNIQUES**

**STREAMS: MA (GEOG)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 07/8/2019**

**2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any FOUR questions**

1. Explain the four interactive phases in the research process. [15 marks]
  2. Examine the importance of a thorough review of literature in the research process. [15 marks]
  3. Discuss the salient methods used by geographers in the data collection process. [15 marks]
  4. (a) Distinguish between parametric and non-parametric statistical tests. [5 marks]  
(b) Examine the role of statistics in geographic research. [10 marks]
  5. Examine the main methods used in disseminating geographical research findings. [15 marks]
  6. Discuss the characteristics of the following
    - (a) Well stated geographical research objective. [5 marks]
    - (b) Well stated geographical research hypothesis [5 marks]
    - (c) Well stated geographical research purpose. [5 marks]
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