



PAC INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES JULY– AUGUST 2025 ASSESSMENT

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Qualification : Social Work and Community Development

Level 6

Code : COD/OS/SW/CC/01/6/A

Unit of Competency : **Conduct Social Research Work**

WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE:

- 1. Read all the instructions carefully before attempting the questions.*
- 2. This paper consists of two sections, A & B.*
- 3. You are allowed 3 Hours to Answer the questions.*
- 4. Marks for each question are indicated in brackets.*
- 5. Write your responses in the Separate Answer booklet provided.*
- 6. Do not write anything on this question paper.*

SECTION A: (40 MARKS)

*Answer **all** questions in this section.*

1. State FOUR major sources of information that can be used by a social worker in identifying a research problem. (4 Marks)
2. State FOUR reasons why it is important for a researcher to develop research objectives in a proposal. (4 Marks)
3. List FOUR ways in which a social worker may uphold ethics in data collection (4 Marks)
4. Identify THREE desirable qualities of a social research report (3 Marks)
5. List FOUR data collection instruments that can be administered in qualitative research. (4 Marks)
6. State THREE reasons why statistical tables are useful in research data analysis (3 Marks)
7. List FOUR factors a social researcher should consider when selecting a research sample (4 Marks)
8. Mention FOUR uses of a literature review in social research process (4 Marks)
9. Identify THREE roles of theoretical framework in research. (3 Marks)
10. Evaluate FOUR benefits of social research in social work (4 Marks)
11. Analyze THREE challenges a social researchers may face when preparing a social research budget (3 Marks)

SECTION B: (60 MARKS)

*Answer any **three** questions in this section.*

12. One of the characteristics of research data is that it should be verifiable.
 - a) Determine FIVE strengths of using face-to-face interviews in enhancing research authenticity. (10 Marks)
 - b) Establish FIVE reasons why a researcher would prefer to use a hypothesis over research questions in a study. (10 Marks)

13. A social worker in Wema County intends to carry out a research on the effects of drugs and substance abuse on the academic performance of secondary school students in the County.

a) Formulate FOUR objectives suitable for this study. (8 Marks)

b) Describe FOUR types of research design that can be utilized in this study. (8 Marks)

c) Identify the dependent and independent variables in the study above. (4 Marks)

14. Development agencies utilize social research in their day to day activities.

a) Using a well-labeled flow chart, illustrate FIVE steps involved in conducting social research. (10 Marks)

b) Explain FIVE contributions of research to these organizations. (10 Marks)

15. Sampling involves selecting the group that a researcher will actually collect data from for a social research.

a) Identify the appropriate sampling technique in each of the following scenarios:

i. A researcher wants to identify the official organization structure operating at a local at rehabilitation Centre. The researcher decides to interview the Centre manager, the Centre administrator, and a counseling psychologist.

(2 Marks) ii. A researcher interviews community members attending a Baraza about their perception of the leadership and integrity bill. (2 Marks)

iii. To experiment with the effectiveness of corona vaccine in Kenya, the Ministry of Health selected three Hospitals in seven counties and one dispensary in the local assemblies in each of the sub-counties in the country. (2 Marks)

iv. A researcher counts all the members of a given population and using a table of numbers selects 100 subjects for the sample. (2 Marks)

v. To find out the identity of members of a criminal gang, a researcher identifies one member and requests the first subject to name others known to him. (2 Marks)

b) Describe FIVE items of information contained in the methodology section of research study. (10 Marks)