

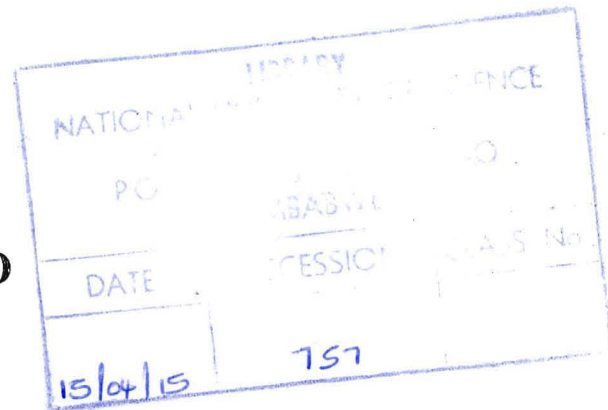
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An Investigation into factors contributing to poor learner performance in Maths and  
Science at 'O'Level: The case of Umguza District:

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## **ABSTRACT**

The study investigated factors that contributed to poor learner performance in Mathematics and Science at O' Level in Umguza District. The target population included all Mathematics and Science teachers, HOD's and Headmasters of sampling was used to select a sample of seven secondary schools. Data was collected using two questionnaires, one for teachers ( n = 28 ) and the other one for HOD's ( n= 11 ) , interviews were conducted with headmasters.

The results according to the opinions and views of teachers , HOD's and headmasters showed that the main cause of poor learner performance are poor teacher qualifications , large class size , lack of resources , lack of subject content , linguistic diversity , motivation and lack management skills by HOD's

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