

**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2017\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**COURSE CODE: POL 301**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer only three Questions**

**TIME ALLOWED:** **3 Hours**

1a What is Research? (**5Marks**)

b Discuss extensively the benefits of research to the Society (**18Marks**)

2a Explain what a theory is(**10Marks**)

b. Enumerate the roles of theory in research (**13Marks**)

3a Define statement of problem (**5Marks**)

b. Identify and discuss the criteria for generating statement of problem in a research

(**18Marks**)

4 “Research methodology involves step - by step procedures” Discuss (**23Marks**)

5a.What is Qualitative Research? (**3Marks**)

b. Examine the benefits and weakness of Qualitative Research (**20Marks**)