



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES (CSS)**  
**2019\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

COURSE CODE: CSS 753

COURSE TITLE: Research Methods in Criminology

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer **any four** out of **six** questions.

1a. Define the concept of general knowledge and mention two (2) of its major sources (10 marks).

1b. Discuss three (3) of the errors in human inquiry (7.5 marks).

2a. Outline three (3) and discuss two (2) of the types of research designs in social research (10.5 marks).

2b. Mention two (2) qualities of a good sample in social and criminological research (7 marks).

3a. Define the concept of crime and mention two (2) legal elements of crime (5 marks).

3b. Critically discuss any five (5) factors that affect measurement of crime (12.5 marks).

4a. Identify two (2) and explain one (1) types of validity in social research (9 marks).

4b. Identify two (2) and describe one (1) types of reliability in social research (8.5 marks).

5a. Critically and clearly distinguish between quantitative and qualitative research approach in social and criminological research (12.5 marks).

5b. Define the concept of ethics in social and criminological research (5 marks).

6a. Several levels of measurements exist in social and criminological research. Outline and discuss two (2) levels of measurements (10 marks).

6b. List three (3) of the principles of ethics in social and criminological research (7.5 marks).