



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**2019\_2 POP EXAMINATION**

**PROGRAMME : PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**COURSE CODE: PCR 312**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS  
CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

- 1) Examine the different types of research studies or designs which exist and through which the desired research output can be achieved. (17.5 Marks)
- 2) There is certainly no perfect research because there is no study without errors, in the light of this, identify and analyse the errors in research and the scientific precautions against such errors. (17.5 Marks)
- 3) Variables are germane in every meaningful research as it helps to do justice to the subject matter; critically examine its meaning and the various types that are available in research study. (17.5 Marks)
- 4) Identify and critically examine the sources of requisite Knowledge in the study of Conflict Resolution. (17.5 Marks)
- 5) Briefly examine the following: (17.5 Marks)
  - a. Literature Review ----- 2 Marks
  - b. “Literature review”, and “Literature Over-View -----2 Marks
  - c. Functions of Literature Review ----- 6 Marks
  - d. Information needed to write Literature Review ----- 7.5 Marks
- 6) Discuss what you understand by “Hypothesis” Vis-à-vis its characteristics, sources and functions in research. (17.5 Marks)