



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
2019_2 POP EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: POL 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE

- 1) **a.** Define the term Research? (5marks)
b. Explain the importance of research in this contemporary era? (12.5marks)

- 2) **a.** Discuss the roles a Theory plays in the conduct of Political Science Research? (12.5marks)
b. Differentiate between Inductive and Deductive Research? (5marks)

- 3) As a student of Political Science who is preparing to write a final year project, enumerate and discuss the Techniques that will guide you in choosing an appropriate research topic? (17.5marks)

- 4) **a.** Mention five (5) benefits of research proposal to a student of political science who intends to conduct a research on a critical aspect of the society? (10marks)
b. Discuss the qualities of a good research problem? (7.5marks)

- 5) **a.** Discuss five (5) uses of research design in the conduct of political science research? (10marks)
b. identify and discuss the qualities of a Good Sample? (7.5marks)

- 6) **a.** Identify and discuss five (5) issues that must be put into consideration in the conduct of Political Science Research? (10marks)
b. Identify and discuss five (5) weaknesses of Qualitative Research? (7.5 Marks)