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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
2020\_2 EXAMINATION...

**COURSE CODE: INR451**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**CREDIT UNIT : 3**

**TIME ALLOWED : 3HRS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1.** Highlight and explain the meaning of research methodology and types of research (17.5marks)
- 2a.** State the three main focuses of research methodology. (7.5 marks)
- 2b.** Describe the main sources of knowledge (10marks)
- 3a.** Describe the different types of variable in research (7.5marks)
- 3b.** Explain the various factors that can aid the selection of a topic. (10marks).
- 4a.** State the characteristics of research hypothesis (7.5marks)
- 4b.** Examine the difference between a circulation and reference libraries (10marks)
- 5.** Critically assess the different kinds of observation methods in research (17.5marks)
- 6a.** What are the two styles of documentation in social science research. (2.5marks)
- 6b.** What are the purposes of literature review in a research study? (15marks)