

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL

FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE CODE: JIL447

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE CARRIES 25MARKS WHILE OTHERS 15MARKS EACH.

- 1. {a} What do you understand the word Research methodology, explain the objectives of Legal research and discuss three types of research methodology you know.
- {b}Why do legal practitioners, Lecturers and students prefer the doctrinal approach in carrying out legal research? 25 Marks
 - 2. You have been asked to conduct research on whether the death penalty should be retained in Nigeria for murder and armed robbery cases. Outline a research plan for this purpose, indicating what sources you consider necessary in going about your research. 15 Marks
 - {a}Discuss the essential characteristics of a legal research.{b} What are the major constraints in carrying out Legislative drafting at the federal level Outline. 15 Marks
- 4. Discuss in details primary and secondary sources of materials in carrying out a research in a University. 15 Marks
- 5. {a} What are the major ethical issues for consideration for a researcher in the collation of Data for research. Discuss ethical aspect of research studies and ethical aspect of legal writing.

- {b} The absence of recognized sanctions for unethical conduct has influenced the nonchalant attitude of many researchers in Nigeria towards a code of ethics . In a contemporary world will you advocate for the establishment of a code of ethics for researchers. 15 Marks
 - 6. Enumerate and explain five different bodies that can make proposal for legislation in Nigeria? How does a treaty form part of the Nigerian law 15 Marks