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**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**2021\_1 POP EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: INR 451**

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

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1a.** Explain the meaning of science and identify basic assumptions of science (10 marks)
- 1b.** Mention the key attributes or features of scientific method (7.5 Marks).
  
- 2a.** Define hypothesis and identify the characteristics of hypothesis (10marks)
- 2b.** Identify various types of variable (7.5 marks)
  
- 3a.** Highlight and explain types of library depending on the specific functions each performs (10marks).
- 3b.** Describe the internet research and explain three ways through which one can improve on the use of the internet by research (7.5marks)
  
- 4a.** Describe primary data and state methods of collecting it (7.5marks)
- 4b.** Explain what makes secondary data different from primary data(10marks)
  
- 5a.** Highlight sampling and identify steps in sample design (9.5 marks)
- 5b.** State the sampling techniques that you know (8.5marks)