



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
September 2020\_1 Examinations**

**COURSE CODE: INR 451**

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

**CREDIT UNITS: THREE (3)**

**TIME ALLOWERED: 2.5 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1.** Examine the concept of Research and explain the various types of research in the discipline of International relations **(17.5 marks)**.

**QUESTION 2.** Identify and explain the various steps that are generally adopted by a researcher in studying a research problem **(17.5 marks)**.

**QUESTION 3** Identify and discuss the factors that guide a research in selection of a researchable topic **(17.5 marks)**.

**QUESTION 4** Discuss the concept of Variable in research and explain the various types of variable you have studied **(17.5 marks)**.

**QUESTION 5** Interrogate the concept of library and library research along with the types of library materials **(17.5 marks)**.

**QUESTION 6** Interrogate the concept of sampling technique as a research design and elucidate the steps that must be followed in developing a sample design **(17.5 marks)**.