



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (FSS)

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

2021_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: DES 311

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

CREDIT UNITS: 3

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly**
- Attempt question one (1) and any other three (3) questions**
- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while any other three (3) questions answered carry 15 marks each.**
- Write legibly and in an orderly manner**

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

- Clearly state the meaning and explain the types of social research you know on the basis of application, mode of inquiry, and objectives of study? [25 marks]
- Write short notes on the following data collection techniques:
 - Participant Observation [5 marks]
 - Focus Group Discussion [5 marks]
 - Questionnaire [5 marks]
- In Social research, there are essentially two broad sampling methods. Identify and discuss these methods showing their merits and demerits? [15 marks]
- Discuss the two major sources of research data and explain the advantages/disadvantages of each source? [15 marks]
- Examine the differences between the concept of validity and reliability? [15 marks]