



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
2021\_1 POP EXAMINATION ...

**COURSE CODE: PCR872**

**COURSE TITLE: Research Methods in Peace and Conflict Resolution**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions. All questions carry equal marks of 17.5**

1. a. Attempt a definition of research in your own words- 5 marks  
b. Discuss five reasons why human beings need to continue to engage in the art and science of research in peace and conflict studies. 12.5 Marks
2. a. Discuss the five features of a good research proposal differentiating it from what it is and what it is not. 15 marks  
b. In two sentences, differentiate between primary and secondary data. 2.5 marks
3. a. Explain these different types of reliability of research instruments-7.5 marks
  - a) Stability Reliability
  - b) Representative Reliability
  - c) Equivalence Reliability  
b. Explain these commonly used scales for measurement in research-10 marks
  - a) Likert Scale- 2.5 marks
  - b) Thurstone Scaling- 2.5 marks
  - c) Bogardus Social Distance Scale- 2.5 marks
  - d) Semantic Differential Scale- 2.5 marks
4. a. What is a variable? 2.5 marks  
b. List five characteristics of causal hypotheses (5 marks)  
c. Examine five research instruments of data collection in peace and conflict studies 10 marks
5. a. Discuss the importance of Literature review in research work- 10 marks  
b. Examine five library resources for carrying out a research- 7.5 marks)