



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
POP 2021_1 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: POL 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CREDIT UNIT : 3

TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

- 1a. Define the term research? (3.5 Marks)
- 1b. List and briefly explain the two major types of research? (14 Marks)
2. Discuss positivism as a philosophical approach to research in political science? (17.5 Marks)
3. Briefly explain ontological and epistemological paradigms? (17.5 Marks)
- 4a. What is a theory? (3.5 Marks)
- 4b. Describe what a theory is not? (14 Marks)
5. What is paradigm in political science research? (17.5 Marks)