



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department of Languages**  
**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE: ENG311**  
**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS**  
**CREDIT UNITS: 3**  
**TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer **THREE** Questions. Question No. 1 is **COMPULSORY**

1. (a) What in your opinion is the term 'research'?
- (b) Discuss primary and secondary methods of gathering data for a research work.  
(24 marks/50 minutes)
2. (a) Discuss any FIVE importance of research to the society.
- (b) Enumerate the five qualities of a good research.  
(23 marks/35 minutes)
3. (a) What is literature review?
- (b) Identify and discuss any FOUR characteristics of a good research topic.  
(23 marks/35 minutes)
4. Briefly discuss the following features of research work:
  - (i) Statement of the problem
  - (ii) Scope of the study
  - (iii) Limitation of the study
  - (iv) Abstract  
(23 marks/35 minutes)