



**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)**.