



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL

FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE CODE: JIL447

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE CARRIES 25MARKS WHILE OTHERS 15MARKS EACH.

1. {a} What do you understand the word Research methodology, explain the objectives of Legal research and discuss three types of research methodology you know .

{b} Why do legal practitioners, Lecturers and students prefer the doctrinal approach in carrying out legal research? 25 Marks

2. You have been asked to conduct research on whether the death penalty should be retained in Nigeria for murder and armed robbery cases. Outline a research plan for this purpose, indicating what sources you consider necessary in going about your research. 15 Marks

3. {a} Discuss the essential characteristics of a legal research.

{b} What are the major constraints in carrying out Legislative drafting at the federal level Outline. 15 Marks

4. Discuss in details primary and secondary sources of materials in carrying out a research in a University. 15 Marks

5. {a} What are the major ethical issues for consideration for a researcher in the collation of Data for research . Discuss ethical aspect of research studies and ethical aspect of legal writing.

{b} The absence of recognized sanctions for unethical conduct has influenced the nonchalant attitude of many researchers in Nigeria towards a code of ethics . In a contemporary world will you advocate for the establishment of a code of ethics for researchers. 15 Marks

6. Enumerate and explain five different bodies that can make proposal for legislation in Nigeria? How does a treaty form part of the Nigerian law 15 Marks