



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PCR872

COURSE TITLE: Research Methods in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries an allocation of 17.5 marks. Total score is 70

1. With copious examples of conflict issues discuss the importance of a research work in peace studies and conflict resolution- 17.5 marks
2. A. What is a questionnaire? 2.5marks
B. Attempt to draw a Likert- type questionnaire consisting of biographic data and 15 question items on causes, effects and trend of banditry in Nigeria. Biographical information should include items like sex, educational attainment, age, profession, etc. The question items should address the three variables namely causes, effect and trend- 15 marks
3. With copious example discuss the following categories of research- 17.5 marks
 - a. Natural Experiment 3.5 marks
 - b. Case Study 3.5 marks
 - c. Unobtrusive Measures- 3.5 marks
 - d. Content Analysis 3.5 marks
 - e. Historiography 3.5 marks
 - f. Secondary Analysis of Data 3.5 marks
4. A. What is Theory? 1.5 marks
B. Using some theories you have come across in this course explain the following approaches
 - a. Direction of reasoning- 4 marks
 - b. Level of social reality explained- 4 marks
 - c. The forms of explanation employed- 4 marks
 - d. The overall framework of assumptions and concepts- 4 marks
5. Discuss the differences **between non-probability and probability sampling** techniques- 17. marks
6. With copious examples in peace studies and conflict resolution, discuss the following terms 17.5 marks
 - a. Variable- 4 marks
 - b. Measure of Central Tendency- 4 marks
 - c. Hypothesis- 5.5 marks
 - d. Five Characteristics of Causal Hypotheses- 4 marks