



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES
2020_2 POP EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: POL 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS.

1. Write short notes on the Techniques of Choosing Research Topics (12 marks)

1b. What are the steps to take in selecting a researchable topic? (5.5 marks)

2a. What is a population? (3 marks)

2b. Define Probability Sampling (2 marks)

2c. Write short notes on the following

(a) Simple Random Sampling

(b) Systematic Sampling

(c) Stratified Sampling

(d) Cluster Sampling or Area Sampling

(e) Non-Probability Sampling (2.5 marks each)

3. Explain the five (5) qualities a satisfactory unit of scientific analysis should possess.

(3.5 marks each)

4a. Explain the types of research you know (7.5 marks)

4b. Identify and discuss the importance of Research. (10 marks)

5. Write short notes on the following

a. Point – Biserial Correlation (4 marks)

b. Phi Coefficient (4 marks)

c. Coefficient of Determination (4 marks)

d. Parametric Statistics (5.5 marks)

6. Discuss the components of a theory. (17.5marks)