



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
SEPTEMBER 2020_1 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: POL 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

CREDIT UNIT: 3

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

LOGICAL PRESENTATION AND GOOD ENGLISH 2^{1/2} MARKS

1. a.) Define the concept Research.
b.) List some of the usefulness of the concept in the study of Political Science.
Total (17^{1/2} Marks)
2. Carefully outline the distinction between inductive and deductive Research and list How they are illustrated.
Total (17^{1/2} Marks)
3. a.) What is a Research topic? 6 Marks
b.) List five (5) steps in choosing a researchable topic.
Total (17^{1/2} Marks)
4. a.) Define a Research Proposal. 4 Marks
b.) State five (5) relevance of a proposal in research. .
Total (17^{1/2} Marks)
5. a.) What is a hypothesis?
b.) A good hypothesis fulfil three conditions, carefully list them.
Total (17^{1/2} Marks)
6. a.) What is a problem statement?
b.) Critically examine the three criteria of a good problem statement. Total (17^{1/2} Marks)