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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**2021\_2 POP EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: INR 451**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1a. Identify and explain the seven prescribed (7) motivations to research (7.5 Marks)
- 1b. Mention and explain basic assumptions that drives science (10 marks).
  
- 2a. Define sampling and the steps required in sample design (10 marks)
- 2b. Mention and discuss the sampling techniques that are required for a field study (7.5 Marks)
  
- 3a. How does the concept of science apply to the study of political science? (10 marks)
- 3b. The scientific method generally explains steps that are generic to the study of science or those related. What are the common methods (7.5 Marks).
  
- 4a. Demonstrate your understanding of the types and functions of Library? (10 marks).
- 4b. The internet is a useful tool in research. What are the ways to maximise its usage as a researcher? (7.5 marks)
  
- 5a. Mention the characteristics of hypothesis and state what it is. (10 marks)
- 5b. List and explain the types of variable (7.5 marks)