



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF LAW  
2019\_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS  
APRIL, 2019**

**COURSE CODE: JIL 447**

**COURSE TITLE: LEGAL RESEARCH AND METHODOLOGY**

**CREDIT UNIT: 4**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS ONE IS  
COMPULSORY AND CARRIES 25 MARKS WHILE OTHER  
QUESTIONS CARRY 15MARKS EACH.**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ Hours**

1. In carrying out a research in any discipline, there are certain factors that motivate a researcher into conducting a research. What are the factors that motivate a researcher to embark on a research in a particular discipline? Discuss also at least six advantages of research methodology as articulated by C R Kothari. **25 marks**
2. History is the study of past events. Consequently, legal research and methodology of writing thesis can be traced to the Harvard law school. Give a historical account of the development of legal research and writing in Nigerian Universities. **15 marks**
3. As a 500 level student of the prestigious Faculty of Law of the National Open University of Nigeria, which research methodology is suitable to conduct a legal research? What are the factors inhibiting lawyers on using non-doctrinal research method in conducting a research?**15 marks**
4. Write notes on the following below
  - I. Descriptive and Analytical research method
  - II. Applied and Fundamental Research
  - III. Quantitative and Qualitative research
  - IV. Conceptual and Empirical research. 18 marks

5. Discuss the major stages in conducting a legal research and what are the sources of information. Also explain the significant of Literature review in a legal research. **15marks**
6. The training of Legal minds in all Faculties of Law in Nigerian Universities on how to conduct legal research is not without challenges. Suggest ways forward to assist faculties of law on how to guide students on legal research. **15 marks**