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**FEB 2018 EXAM**

**COURSE CODE: JLS 814**  
**COURSE TITLE: COMMUNICATION RESEARCH**  
**UNIT: 3**  
**TIME: 3HRS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS, ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. A commentator questions the role of research in modern communication.
  - a. Dispute his claim by providing a critical discussion on the unique role of research in contemporary communication.
  - b. Provide the basic scientific step-by-step of scientific method/research process.
  - c. With detailed explanation show the principles of science.
  - d. Show and explain the features of research.
  - e. Give six classifications of research and explain three of them. (25%)
2.
  - a. Distinguish between Focus Group Discussion and Interview as instruments for generating data in Survey Research.
  - b. Provide two research topics and show where each would be applied in collecting data. (15%)
3.
  - a. What is content analysis?
  - b. Discuss the process of carrying out content analysis.
  - c. Show the advantages and disadvantages of content analysis. (15%)
4. With exhaustive analytical discussion and at least one example of a research topic with which each of them can be applied, explain the following:
  - a. Uses and Gratification
  - b. Agenda Setting
  - c. Perception of Social Reality. (15%)
5.
  - a. Name and explain at least five of the areas of research in the print media.
  - b. Make a distinction between electronic media research and print media research. (15%)
6.
  - a. Explain the meaning of data.
  - b. What is data analysis?
  - c. Give and explain two kinds of data analysis
  - d. Discuss two types of tools of data analysis. (15%)