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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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2019_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PCR 872

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT
RESOLUTION

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal Marks]

1. Critically outline and discuss the sources of general Knowledge in research studies. **(17.5 Marks)**
2. 'Hypothesis' as a tool in academic research can be clearly understood by its characteristics, sources and functions. Discuss. **(17.5 Marks)**
3. The type of Research study or design employed by the researcher determines the realisation of the desired goals and clear objectives in research output. Discuss. **(17.5 Marks)**
4. Explain the meaning of the word "Research" vis-à-vis the types of research and their importance in an academic study. **(17.5 Marks)**
5. Human Inquiry in research have been known to project certain errors and "Rubbin and Babble (1997)" have made a list of these types of errors and the ways in which science provides safe guards against them, critically and comprehensively discuss them. **(17.5 Marks)**
6. What is a Variable? Examine the various types of Variables applicable in research work. **(17.5 Marks)**