



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
2019_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

COURSE CODE: POL301
COURSE TITLE: Research Methods in Political Science
CREDIT UNIT: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the relevance of research to the study of Political Science. (17.5 marks)
2. What are the necessary steps to take in choosing a researchable topic? (17.5marks)
3. What is a research design? Discuss the types and components of a research design. (17.5marks)
4. Discuss with concrete examples the four main procedures of data collection. (17.5marks)
5. Discuss the components of an academic Research Proposal. (17.5marks)
6. (a) What is a theory? (5marks)
(b) Discuss the role of theory in research. (12.5marks)