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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2017_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

COURSE CODE: POL 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

INSTRUCTION: Answer only three Questions

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

- 1a What is Research? **(5Marks)**
- b Discuss extensively the benefits of research to the Society **(18Marks)**
- 2a Explain what a theory is **(10Marks)**
- b. Enumerate the roles of theory in research **(13Marks)**
- 3a Define statement of problem **(5Marks)**
- b. Identify and discuss the criteria for generating statement of problem in a research **(18Marks)**
- 4 “Research methodology involves step - by step procedures” Discuss **(23Marks)**
- 5a. What is Qualitative Research? **(3Marks)**
- b. Examine the benefits and weakness of Qualitative Research **(20Marks)**