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**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: CSS 753**

**COURSE TITLE: Research Methods in Criminology**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**MARKS: 70%**

**INSTRUCTION:** In all, answer **four out of five** questions. Each question carries 17.5 marks.

- 1) Define hypothesis and discuss the criteria that hypothesis should satisfy for reasonable research outcome.
- 2) What are the characteristics and advantages of Survey?
- 3) Discuss the yardsticks for conducting qualitative research in a social science study.
- 4) List and discuss important preliminary steps that needed to be taken when using direct observation in social research.
- 5) What are the determinants of success or failure of research in research outcome when administering the Questionnaire or Interview guide?