



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CROP AND SOIL SCIENCE
2024_2 EXAMINATION**

COURSE TITLE: TECHNIQUES OF SCIENTIFIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION (2 CU)

COURSE CODE: AGR 515

TOTAL SCORE: 70 MARKS

INSTRUCTION: Answer 3 questions in all

Question 1 is compulsory (30 marks) and any other TWO questions (20 marks each)

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ Hours

- 1a. Write short notes on clauses with respect to rules of scientific writing. **(5 marks)**
- b. List and discuss three (3) phases of a seminar. **(10 marks)**
- c. Discuss the following concepts as related to APA writing style. **(15 marks)**
 - i. Title page
 - ii. Abstract
 - iii. Introduction
 - iv. Result
 - v. Discussion
- 2a. Define checklist for clear writing. **(1 mark)**
- b. Explain two (2) ways a review article is beneficiary to the reader. **(4 marks)**
- c. Highlight common errors in writing abstract and discuss how to avoid these errors. **(15 marks)**
- 3a. Explain briefly the need for a guide to a good scientific writing. **(5 marks)**
- b. Discuss in details three (3) qualities of a good seminar. **(15 marks)**
- 4a. Explain two (2) guidelines to be followed in preparing a PowerPoint presentation. **(5 marks)**
- b. Highlight common errors in writing results and discuss how to avoid the errors. **(15 marks)**