



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES (CSS)
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
2025_1 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: CSS 331

COURSE TITLE: METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

CREDIT UNIT : 3

TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION : Answer question **one (1)** and any other three. Question one (1) is **compulsory** and carries 25 marks.

1. Explain the following important concepts in research. 25 Marks
 - i. Background to the Research
 - ii. Research Problem
 - iii. Aim and Objectives
 - iv. Review of Literature
 - v. Methodology
2. Provide a detailed explanation on the difference between probability and non-probability sampling techniques. 15marks
3. Briefly explain the following
 - i. What is a hypothesis in criminological research?5marks
 - ii. Explain two types of hypotheses in criminological research..... 10 marks
4. Provide a detailed discussion on three (3) types of Variables in research. 15mrks
5. List and discuss three (3) types of Quantitative Research. 15marks