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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS.**

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**COURSE CODE: PCR 312**

**COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal Marks**

1. (a) Explain the term Research work?  
(b) List and discuss the types of research methods you know and their significance in academic studies.  

(17.5 Marks)
2. List and explain any three (3) sources of General Knowledge in peace and conflict resolution.  

(17.5 Marks)
3. Explain each of the following components of research in the social sciences:
  - (i) Meaning of research (3.3 marks)
  - (ii) Social research (3.3 marks)
  - (iii) Basic research (3.3 marks)
  - (iv) Applied research (3.3 marks)
  - (v) Practical research (3.3 marks)

(17.5 Marks)
4. Define and explain the following research concepts:
  - (i) variables
  - (ii) independent variable
  - (iii) dependent variable and
  - (iv) intervening variable

(17.5 Marks)
5. (a) What is an "Hypothesis"? **(2.5 marks)**  
(b) Mention three (3) characteristics of Hypothesis **(2 marks each)**  
(c) Explain the following methodology terms in research.
  - (i) Study Area
  - (ii) Study population
  - (iii) Sample and sampling (3 marks each)**

6. Explain each of the following variables in peace research:
- (i) Research design (3.32 marks).
  - (ii) Primary sources of data (3.32 marks).
  - (iii) Secondary sources of data (3.32 marks).
  - (iv) Nominal data (3.32 marks).
  - (v) Ordinary data (3.32 marks).