



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**2025\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: POL. 312**

**COURSE TITLE: LOGIC AND METHODS OF POLITICAL INQUIRY**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

**CREDIT UNIT – 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS**

1. Discuss the concept of generalization and its utility to political science?
  
2. 'One of the reasons for a Political Scientist taking an interest in explanation is the fact that all Political Scientists have to predict'. Discuss.
  
3. There is a close connection between logic, approaches and methods of political inquiry. Nonetheless, the aforementioned concepts bear slight differences. Distinguish the difference between logic and an approach in the field of inquiry?
  
4. Discuss the concept of positivist paradigm and its major fundamental assumption?
  
5. What is Data?
  
- 5b. write short notes on the following:
  
6. What is traditional political inquiry?