

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES MARCH/APRIL 2015 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MBA825 COURSE UNIT: 2

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY FOR BUSINESS DECISION

TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other two (2).

2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks, while the other questions carry 20 marks each

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3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner

- **Q1) a.** Define the concept of research to bring out its conceptual and operational connotations.
- **b.** Discuss fully the Problems of Research in Developing countries.
- Q2) **a.** Enumerate the unethical behaviour you would want to watch out for as a researcher of repute.
- **b.** What are the issues involved in planning the research report?
- Q3) **a.** Before a given data can be presented for analysis and interpretation, it must be edited. Illuminate this statement.
- **b.** Data collection methods are used in that section of research activity which is dedicated to collecting data. Comment on these methods.
- Q4) **a.** Comment on the basic operation in the scientific research process
- **b.** What do you understand by the term sample design? Discuss fully its variants.
- **Q5) a.** Highlight clearly and comment on the Characteristics of a Researchable Hypothesis
 - **b.** Enumerate the general rule for designing questionnaire items.