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**Course Code: ECO 311**

**Course Title: Research Methods**

**Credit unit: 3**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Instruction: Answer four questions in all, QUESTION NO FOUR IS COMPULSORY.**

**Question:**

1. i) Define Research  
ii) Itemize and explain the basic features of research **(15 marks)**
2. i) What is scientific research?  
ii) The successful application of scientific technique in social sciences researches, is hindered by certain factors, discuss **(15 marks)**
3. The focus of any study is the research problem. How can this be identified? **(15 marks)**
4. i) A detailed review of literature similar to a studied area will prevent re-inventing the wheel, discuss.  
ii) The essence of literature review in any scholarly investigation is very vital. Relate this to purpose of literature review **(25 marks, COMPUSORY)**
5. List the forms of literature reviews you have studied. Identify and discuss the type that is related to field of study **(15 marks)**
6. A good and well-drawn concept map shows the focus of a study. What other role(s) do conceptual frameworks play in any academic write-up? **(15 marks)**