NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
SEPTEMBER 2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: **POL 301**
COURSE TITLE: **RESEARCH METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**
CREDIT UNIT: **3**
INSTRUCTION: **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
                    ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS
                    LOGICAL PRESENTATION AND GOOD ENGLISH $2^{1/2}$ MARKS

1. a.) Define the concept Research.
   b.) List some of the usefulness of the concept in the study of Political Science.
                                     Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks)

2.   Carefully outline the distinction between inductive and deductive Research and list
   How they are illustrated.   Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks

3. a.) What is a Research topic? 6 Marks
   b.) List five (5) steps in choosing a researchable topic.
                                       Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks)

4. a.) Define a Research Proposal. 4 Marks
   b.) State five (5) relevance of a proposal in research. .   Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks)

5. a.) What is a hypothesis?

   b.) A good hypothesis fulfil three conditions, carefully list them.
                                     Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks)

6. a.) What is a problem statement?

   b.) Critically examine the three criteria of a good problem statement.   Total ($17^{1/2}$ Marks)