



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: POL. 301

COURSE TITLE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

CREDIT UNIT – 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3HOURS

1. Briefly discuss the nature of political research?
 2. Discuss the various reasons behind the study of political research?
 3. Outline and discuss two aspects of the positivist approach?
- 3b. outline the three basic principles of positivism.
4. Distinguish the interpretivism approach from the realism approach?
 5. Outline and discuss the techniques involved in choosing research topics?
 6. What is research?
 - 6b. outline the core activities of research according to Pierce (2009:3).