



**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO**  
College of Management and Social Sciences  
Business Administration & IRPM Programmes  
First Semester 2021/2022 Examination

<b>Level</b>	: 300
<b>Course Title</b>	: Research Methods
<b>Course Code</b>	: BUS 305/ IRP 305
<b>Instruction</b>	: Attempt any four (4) Questions
<b>Time Allowed</b>	: 2 Hours
<b>Date</b>	: 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**QUESTION 1**

- (a) Define Reliability and Validity in Research. **(5<sup>1/2</sup> Marks)**
- (b) Define Population and Sample in Research. **(6 Marks)**
- (c) Explain Non-Probability Sampling Technique giving various examples. **(6 Marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

- (a) Define research **(3<sup>1/2</sup> Marks)**
- (b) Highlight seven (7) reasons for the conduct of research in business. **(14 Marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

- (a) Give a detailed format of a research proposal **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Discuss three guidelines to selecting a topic **(7<sup>1/2</sup> Marks)**

**QUESTION 4**

- (a) Explain the word "plagiarism" **(2<sup>1/2</sup> Marks)**
- (b) What purpose does referencing and bibliographical citation serves **(7 Marks)**
- (c) Mention the four methods involved in referencing, and bibliographical citation **(8 Marks)**

## QUESTION 5

A study was conducted to examine the influence of waste disposal methods on waste management effectiveness. The results extracted from the data analysis are given in the supplementary tables.

- You are required to interpret the correlation result for the relationships between the following variables: water surface waste disposal and waste management effectiveness; water surface waste disposal and water pollution; burying waste disposal and land surface disposal. Please note that the notation for correlation is  $r=$
- Use the regression results to explain the influence of waste disposal methods (water surface and burning) on waste management effectiveness. Do not forget to write out the regression equation.

(17<sup>1/2</sup> Marks)

	Land surf	Pit	Water Surf	Burning	Burying	Water pol	Waste mgt. eff
Land surf	1						
Pit	0.839689	1					
Water Surf	0.75	0.707107	1				
Burning	0.75	0.707107	0.75	1			
Burying	-0.40522	-0.32024	-0.2622	0.166856	1		
Water pol	0.464835	0.612555	0.781768	0.464835	-0.15311	1	
Waste mgt. eff	0.088388	0.28125	0.618718	0.088388	-0.30339	0.806779	1

### SUMMARY OUTPUT

Regression Statistics	
Multiple R	0.839855
R Square	0.705357
Adjusted R Square	0.607143
Standard Error	0.626783
Observations	9

### ANOVA

	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F
Regression	2	5.642857	2.821429	7.181818	0.025579
Residual	6	2.357143	0.392857		
Total	8	8			

	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	2.952381	0.648782	4.55065	0.003889	1.364868	4.539894	1.364868053	4.539894
Water Surf	0.892857	0.236902	3.768892	0.009301	0.313179	1.472535	0.313179392	1.472535
Burning	-0.60714	0.236902	-2.56285	0.042745	-1.18682	-0.02747	1.186820608	-0.02747