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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADULT EDUCATION) YEAR II

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER , MAY 2013

TITLE OF PAPER : **INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN
ADULT EDUCATION**

COURSE CODE : **IDE-BAE 217**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION
A.**
**2. ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM
SECTION B.**

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. CHOOSE AN OPTION THAT BEST FITS YOUR ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

QUESTION 1

Male and female are variables.

True/False
(2 marks)

QUESTION 2

A research problem should depict the target audience/subjects and the variables to be investigated.

True/False
(2 marks)

QUESTION 3

Why is it important to narrow down the research problem?

(4 marks)

QUESTION 4

List four characteristics of hypotheses.

(8 marks)

QUESTION 5

State one research hypothesis.

(2 marks)

QUESTION 6

Historical research is chiefly concerned with:

- a) The study of history
- b) The meaning of past events
- c) Creating an accurate chronology of past events
- d) Determining an “official” interpretation of historical events.

(2 marks)

QUESTION 7

What is the difference between a primary and a secondary source of historical data?

(5 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 8

Outline considerations to be made when choosing a research problem (Charles 1988).
(25 marks)

QUESTION 9

Discuss the difference between correlational and experimental research. (25 marks)

QUESTION 10

a) What measures should be taken to protect participants from invasion of privacy?
(10 marks)

(b) A study of the academic performance of schools in Swaziland revealed that some schools and teachers produce good examination results consistently and that certain identifiable traits of behavior and conditions characterize those teachers and schools. Was this an experimental study or a causal comparative study? Explain.

(15 marks)

QUESTION 11

Explain the importance of following the scientific method in conducting research.
(25 marks)