

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION MAY 2016**

**TITLE OF COURSE:           MARKETING RESEARCH (BA 319)**

**DEGREE AND YEAR:        BACHELOR OF COMMERCE YEAR 3**  
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**TIME ALLOWED:            THREE (3) HOURS**

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1.     TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON THE PAPER IS 5**
  - 2.     ANSWER QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B**
  - 3.     MARKS AWARDED ARE INDICATED AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION**
  - 4.     MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOR ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF YOUR WORK**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:    NONE**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER SECTION A AND ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.

### SECTION A: (COMPULSORY)

#### QUESTION 1: SWAZI BEE ELECTRIC FISHING REEL

Bee Dhlamini started thinking about an electric fishing reel when his father had a stroke and lost the use of an arm. To see that happen to his dad, who had taught him the joys of fishing, made Bee realize what a physical handicap could take out of a sports enthusiast's life. Being able to cast and retrieve a lure and experience the thrill of a big fish trying to take your rig away from you were among the joys of life that would be denied Bee's father forever.

Bee was determined to do something about it, if not for his father, at least for others who had suffered a similar fate. So, after tremendous personal expense and years of research and development, he perfected what is sure to be the best future electric reels. He has developed something that is small, compact, and has incredible applications.

He calls it the Swazi Bee. The first word is obviously his country. The second word refers to the low buzzing sound the reel makes when in use and of course his first name. The Swazi Bee system looks simple enough and probably is if you understand the mechanical working of a reel. All gearing of the electrical system can be disengaged so that you can cast normally. But pushing the button for "retrieve" engages two gears. After the gears are engaged, the trigger travels far enough to touch the switch that tightens the drive belt, and there is no slipping. You cannot hit the switch until the gears are properly engaged. This means that you cast manually, just as you would normally fish, and then you reengage the reel for the level wind to work. And you can do all that with one hand.

The system works on a battery that you can attach to your belt or hang around your neck. If you have a boat with a 6-volt battery, the reel can actually work from the battery. There is a small connector that plugs into the reel, so you could easily use more than one reel with the battery. A reel with the Swazi Bee system can be used in a conventional manner. You do not have to use it as an electrical reel unless you chose to do so. Bee believes the Swazi Bee may not be just for the handicapped fisherman. Bongani Dhlamini, one of the leading professional fishers in the country, likes the Swazi Bee. After he suffered a broken arm, he had to withdraw from some tournaments because fishing with one hand was difficult. He is already hooked on the Swazi Bee because it will increase his fishing efficiency. "What you can do with the Swazi Bee electric reel is eliminate unproductive reeling time," Bongani says.

A few extra seconds may not mean much if you are out on a neighbourhood pond just fishing on the weekend. But it can mean a lot if you are in tournament competitions, where one extra cast might keep you from going home with E50, 000 tucked in your pocket. "Look at it this way," Bongani explains. "Let us suppose we are in clear water and it is necessary to make a long cast to fish. There is a whole lot of unproductive water between us and the cover. With the electric reel, I will make my long cast and fish. Then, when I am ready to reel in, I just press the retrieve lever so the battery engages the necessary gears, and I have got my lure back ready to make another cast."

When Bee Dhlamini retired from his veterinary supply business, he began enjoying his favourite pastime hunting and developing the Swazi Bee system. He realized that he needed help in marketing his product, so he sought professional assistance to learn how to reach the broadest possible for the Swazi Bee system.

#### **QUESTION 1**

- a. What marketing problem does Bee Dhlamini face? What are his information needs? Outline some survey research objectives for a research project on the Swazi Bee system. (10)
- b. What type of survey – personal interviews, telephone interviews, or mail survey – should be selected? (5)
- c. What forms of survey error are most likely to occur in this study? (5)
- d. What means should be used to obtain a high response rate? (5)

**TOTAL: 25 MARKS**

#### **SECTION B**

**ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION**

#### **QUESTION 2**

- a. Discuss the types of marketing research that can be conducted by companies giving examples where relevant. (15)
- b. Define a test market. Briefly discuss the factors that a company should consider when selecting a test market. (10)

**TOTAL: 25 MARKS**

### **QUESTION 3**

- a. **Discuss the two major sampling procedures that can be used to choose a sample indicating the examples of each procedure. (15)**
- b. **Define survey research. Briefly discuss the advantages of using personal interviews in survey research. (10)**

**TOTAL: 25 MARKS**

### **QUESTION 4**

- a. **Briefly discuss the factors that may make a marketing research report presenter to be a first rate presenter? (15)**
- b. **Briefly identify and explain ten guidelines for wording a questionnaire giving an example in each case. (10)**

**TOTAL: 25 MARKS**

### **QUESTION 5**

- a. **What are the major advantages and disadvantages of using observation when conducting marketing research? (15)**
- b. **Discuss the ten characteristics of focus group discussions (FGDs). (10)**

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