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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER	:	RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION
COURSE CODE	:	IDE-BAE 304-1
TIME ALLOWED	:	TWO (2) HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ANSWER <u>ALL</u> QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.2. ANSWER <u>ANY THREE</u> QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.3. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR POORLY WRITTEN ENGLISH.4. ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION B CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ALL Questions.

QUESTION 1

Systematic sampling works better if the population list is in some random order.

True/False

[2 marks]

QUESTION 2

Explain the following terms in the context of experimental research.

- (a) internal validity
- (b) external validity

[2 marks]

[2 marks]

QUESTION 3

It is randomisation that makes experimental design stronger than the other designs.

True/False

[2 marks]

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is an extraneous variable?
- (b) How can we control for extraneous variables?

[4 marks]

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QUESTION 5

A population can be stratified without first deciding on the stratifying variable.

True/False

[2 marks]

QUESTION 6

Oral histories are first-person narratives that the researchers collect by extensive interviewing of single individuals.

True/False

[2 marks]

SECTION B

Answer ANY THREE questions.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the differences between historical and survey research designs by comparing the features of the two. [20 marks]

QUESTION 8

- (a) What is a sampling frame? [5 marks]
- (b) What is a sampling unit [5 marks]
- (c) What are the limitations of the survey design? [10 marks]

QUESTION 9

Discuss the disadvantages of tape recording on the spot, note taking and relying on memory as means of recording data from observation research. [20 marks]

QUESTION 10

- (a) Outline the elements of an experimental design. [10 marks]
- (b) What is the importance of field experiments in adult education? [10 marks]