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TITLE OF PAPER : **METHODS AND MATERIALS**

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

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. SECTION A IS COMPULSORY**
- 2. CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**

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SECTION A

Answer all questions in this section.

QUESTION 1

Mr. Ntambo, an extension officer working in a village in some remote part of Africa, has noticed the poor yield his farmers are getting every year. On investigating, he discovers a strange insect that hatches worms that destroy the root of the crop.

Ntambo then decides to approach a pharmaceutical company that specialises in pesticides. The company carries out a study and recommends that a special pesticide be manufactured since findings reveal that the problem will soon be country-wide. However, they realize that they need to persuade the farmers to accept the innovation.

As part of their strategy, they invite the farmers to a film show about the new pesticide. The show is on a Sunday afternoon and different people see this as a chance for free entertainment.

The film shows an enormous insect on the screen and a small man holding a tin spraying the insect. As the show goes on, some people are heard making the following comments:

Young Man: This movie is dull. I thought it was about wrestling or gun battles. Very boring!

1st Farmer: These people are playing games. Where did they ever see an insect that is bigger than a man?

2nd Farmer: I was hoping this would address our problem. They think we are children.

Woman: It's funny to see such a small man. He is even smaller than my boy.

1st Farmer: We have to talk to the extension officer. He's wasting our time. He should allow us to use our traditional methods to get rid of this insect.

1. What do you think has gone wrong in this situation? Identify at least four factors. [20 marks]
2. What should have the extension officer done? [10 marks]
3. What should have the company done? [10 marks]

SECTION B

Answer two questions from this section.

QUESTION 2

Rural populations have been assumed to be static and passive or that they have to adopt knowledge, innovations, and wisdom possessed by others almost without question.

Comment on the above statement relating it to a typical experience you have as a change agent. Give at least three reasons for your response.

[30 marks]

QUESTION 3

A Change Agent has several roles in the group he/she works with. Discuss his/her role as

- i. A member [10 marks]
- ii. An observer [10 marks]
- iii. An evaluator [10 marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss three disadvantages you have suffered as a distance learner and explain how you have been able to cope. [30 marks]

QUESTION 5

The demonstration method is widely used where either a process or a method is being taught.

Discuss three of its advantages and three of its disadvantages. [30 marks]