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**TITLE OF PAPER : PHILOSOPHY OF ADULT EDUCATION**  
**COURSE CODE : AE 102**  
**TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A**  
**AND THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B**

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## Section A

Answer all questions in this section

Answer the questions below by writing in your answer book the letter corresponding to your response

1. Which of the following characteristics belongs to animals?
  - A. Reflection
  - B. Adaptation
  - C. Integration
  - D. Historicity
2. While there is no universal agreement about which are the main branches of philosophy, most writers agree on the following except:
  - A. Logic
  - B. Ethics
  - C. Metaphysics
  - D. Existentialism
3. One of the following is not a normal characteristic of a professional adult educator?
  - A. Catalyst in a community
  - B. Facilitator in a community
  - C. Consultant in a community
  - D. Programme initiator in a community
4. Adult education is essential in the world today because
  - A. Rural adults are ignorant and lazy and must be taught to help themselves
  - B. It helps poor people (rural and urban) to get funding
  - C. Modern technology can alienate even the 'schooled'
  - D. School teachers are not competent these days
5. Ethics or moral philosophy involves.....
  - A. feelings of guilt/shame or pride
  - B. knowing what is right and wrong
  - C. behaving in keeping with moral rules
  - D. all of the above statements are correct
6. ...., ....., ....., ..... are basic questions asked in metaphysics
  - A. What is out there?
  - B. Is the world real or merely an illusion?
  - C. Does God exist and, if so, in what form?
  - D. Are political parties necessary in small states?
7. What should I do? Do we pursue our happiness or do we sacrifice to a greater cause? These and others are basic questions raised in
  - A. Politics
  - B. Aesthetics
  - C. Ethics, and
  - D. None of these
8. The history of philosophy is traditionally divided into three (3) eras (periods):
  - A. Medieval philosophy
  - B. Greco-Roman philosophy
  - C. Modern Western philosophy
  - D. African & Chinese philosophy
9. Which options from list below ..... represent traditional philosophies of education
  - A. Idealism
  - B. Essentialism
  - C. Realism (Materialism)

- D. Statements (A) and (C)
10. The main modes of educational philosophy include all of the following but one:
    - A. Critical
    - B. Normative
    - C. Speculative
    - D. Pragmatism
  11. All of the following, but one, are religious faiths that have been recorded in history:
    - A. Judaism
    - B. Buddhism
    - C. Islam, and
    - D. Ancestral spirits
  12. What is the nature of freedom of the human will, of reality and of God? This is a
    - A. Formal question
    - B. Empirical question
    - C. Philosophical question
    - D. Psychological question
  13. ....represent dimensions of the adult education field except for:
    - A. Community
    - B. Institutional
    - C. Geographical
    - D. Personnel dimension
  14. All but one of the following educationists are proponents of radical education philosophy
    - A. Paulo Freire
    - B. Ivan D. Illich
    - C. Alexander Neil
    - D. Immanuel Kant
  15. Right to liberty, right to free speech, right to the pursuit of happiness are central topics in the study of
    - A. Logic
    - B. Axiology
    - C. Rational politics
    - D. Western capitalism
  16. Is there a normative value on which all other values depend is the basic question asked in:
    - A. Logic
    - B. Metaphysics
    - C. Aesthetics or
    - D. None of these
  17. Mountains, stars or trees exist independently of people knowing about them. To which philosophical school of thought do you attribute this statement?
    - A. Logic
    - B. Ethics
    - C. Idealism
    - D. None of these
  18. The following are characteristics of the scientific method of acquiring knowledge/knowing except:
    - A. Definition of the problem
    - B. Development of hypotheses
    - C. Analysis of data (information)
    - D. Verification of hypotheses using expert opinion
  19. What are values? Why do humans need them? Are values absolute or relative? These are particular questions asked in which branch of philosophy?

- A. Logic
  - B. Idealism
  - C. Ethics and
  - D. Pragmatism
20. There are several ways of knowing. Which of the following is not one of them?
- A. Revelation
  - B. Research proposal
  - C. Rational knowledge
  - D. Intuitive knowledge

[20 x 2 = 40 marks]

### Section B

Answer three (3) questions from this section

#### Question 1

Explain, in your words, the meaning of the word 'philosophy' in both its popular or public (general) sense and professional or technical (specific) sense. Provide suitable examples to illustrate your answer

[2 x 10 = 20 marks]

#### Question 2

- a) State four (4) dimensions of adult education learned in this course [4 x 2 = 8 marks]
- b) Discuss any two (2) such dimensions, using suitable examples to support your answer

[2 x 6 = 12 marks]

#### Question 3

"Millions of people are Marxists, so Marxist economic and political theories are correct".

Explain this statement, basing your argument on the validity of the logical conclusion reached

[2 x 10 = 20 marks]

#### Question 4

- a) What is 'indigenous education'? [5 marks]
- b) How is it different from formal education in terms of facilitators (or teachers), place where it takes place (setting), assessment? [2 x 5 = 10 marks]
- c) What might be its deficiencies (particularly when compared with its counter-part, that is, formal education)? [5 marks]

[Total Marks = 20]

**End of Question Paper**