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**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADULT EDUCATION) YEAR II**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION, MAY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER:           METHODS & MATERIALS**

**COURSE CODE:            IDE-BAE 204**

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

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1.    ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.**
  - 2.    ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.**

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**SECTION A**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.**

**QUESTION 1**

Explain the following:

- i) Instructional devices
- ii) Cyberspace learning
- iii) Internship
- iv) Auditive aids
- v) Models

(25 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

Answer TRUE or FALSE

1. Adult learning is the same as distance learning
2. Non-formal learning is a planned instructional programme that is adaptable to the environment in which it is carried out.
3. Instructional methods do not influence the outcome of the learning process.
4. Teaching methods that allow learner participation are advantageous to both learner and instructor.
5. The interview has no role in a teaching/learning situation.
6. Instructors tend to enjoy passive learners because their passing rate is high.
7. Theatre is the most captivating method of presenting a situation.
8. Distance learning allows the learner more autonomy than classroom learning.
9. A lesson delivery mode need not be linked to the needs and characteristics of the learner and instructor.
10. A good lesson plan is one that may be used by any instructor without a problem.
11. Objectives are the statements used by the instructor to object to the wrong answers given by learners.
12. A cluttered bulletin board defeats the purpose it is meant for.
13. It is wrong to combine different media for instruction because the learners get confused.

14. Newspapers are not classified as mass media because they are read by individual people at a time.
15. The most effective exhibits are built around a single idea with a minimum of supporting information. [15 marks]

### **SECTION B**

Answer two questions.

#### **QUESTION 3**

Radio is one of the fastest and most powerful ways of communicating with masses even in the remotest parts of the country.

Describe three attributes of radio that give it this advantage over other media. Explain clearly how each attribute enhances its use.

[30 marks]

#### **QUESTION 4**

Drawing from your experience as an adult distance learner, discuss three disadvantages you have suffered by relying on books as the major source of information. [3 marks]

#### **QUESTION 5**

What are the benefits of using songs and dances as a means of disseminating information to specific audiences.

Discuss three such benefits and explain why other media would not be as effective. [30 marks]

#### **QUESTION 6**

Do you think the study of Methods and Materials as a course is essential for change agents/adult educators?

State three clear reasons in your answer.

[30 marks]