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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER , JULY 2010

**TITLE OF PAPER:** INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION

**COURSE CODE:** IDE-BAE 207

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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.
2. ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.
3. ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION B CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY****INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.****QUESTION 1**

A well-designed and well-conducted study:

- (a) answers questions of importance in the field
- (b) raises questions of importance to the field
- (c) answers some questions, and raises other questions

[2 marks]

**QUESTION 2**

Historical research is chiefly concerned with:

- (a) the study of history
- (b) the meaning of past events
- (c) creating an accurate chronology of past events
- (d) determining an "official" interpretation of a historical event.

[2 marks]

**QUESTION 3**

List FOUR Characteristics of hypotheses.

[8 marks]

**QUESTION 4**

Correlational research allows the researcher to answer questions such as:

- (a) what is the relationship between variable A and variable B?
- (b) does change in variable A cause change in variable B?
- (c) is there a significant difference between scores on variable A and scores on variable B.
- (d) does change in Variable B causes change in variable A?

[2 marks]

**QUESTION 5**

In historical research, bias:

- (a) generally does not exist to a problematic degree
- (b) is less of a problem than in other forms of research
- (c) is impossible for the researcher detect
- (d) can be a subject of study in and of itself

[2 marks]

**QUESTION 6**

A research problem should depict the target audience/subjects and the variable to be investigated.

True/False

[2 marks]

**SECTION B****INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS****QUESTION 7**

(a) What is the difference between an active and an attribute variable? [10 marks]

(b) Give an example of a directional hypothesis and a null hypothesis. [10 marks]

**QUESTION 8**

Using examples explain why it is important for researchers to adhere to ethics in conducting research. [20 marks]

**QUESTION 9**

Discuss EIGHT (8) characteristics of research according to Best and Kahn (1993). [20 marks]

**QUESTION 10**

Discuss the FOUR (4) sources of a research problem. [20 marks]