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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2011**

**Title of Paper: Introduction to Research Methods in Adult Education**

**Course Code: IDE-BAE 217**

**Time Allowed: Two (2) hours**

- Instructions:**
- 1. Answer all questions from section A.**
  - 2. Answer Any Three Questions from Section B.**
  - 3. All Questions in Section B Carry Equal Marks.**

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**SECTION A:**  
**COMPULSORY**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer all questions. Choose an option that best fits your answer to the following questions/statements.

**QUESTION 1**

'Marital status' is a variable True/False [2 marks]

**QUESTION 2**

Male and female are variables True/False [2 marks]

**QUESTION 3**

List four characteristics of hypotheses. [4 marks]

**QUESTION 4**

A hypothesis is an expected but unconfirmed relationship between two or more variables.  
True/False [2 marks]

**QUESTION 5**

Why is it important to narrow down the scope of a research topic? [4 marks]

**QUESTION 6**

A research problem should depict the target audience/subjects and the variable to be investigated. True/False [2 marks]

**QUESTION 7**

State one directional research hypothesis. [2 marks]

**QUESTION 8**

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 historical events. [2 marks]

**SECTION B**

**ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 9**

Discuss the difference between correlational and experimental research. [20 marks]

**QUESTION 10**

Explain the importance of following the scientific method in conducting research. [20 marks]

**QUESTION 11**

- a) What measures should be taken to protect subjects from invasion of privacy?[10 marks]
- b) A study of the academic performance of schools in Swaziland revealed that some schools and teachers produce good examination results consistently and that certain identifiable traits of behaviour characterize those teachers and schools. Was this an experimental study or causal comparative study? Explain. [10 marks]

**QUESTION 12**

Outline five considerations to be made when choosing a research problem (Charles 1988) [20 marks]