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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADULT EDUCATION) YEAR 4

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2012

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

**COURSE CODE :** IDE-BAE 304-2

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

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.
  2. ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.
  3. ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION B CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

How would you deal with a high non-response rate to a questionnaire you sent out to a carefully selected sample? (6 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

What important information should be contained in an abstract of a research project report? (8 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

Why is editing of data important as part of the data analysis activity? (6 marks)

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 4**

You are a social worker who has been asked by the Social Welfare Department to conduct a community survey on poverty in an impoverished area. The Department has allocated you transport and any equipment that you may need in conducting the study.

What data collection methods, techniques and instruments would you use and why? (20 MARKS)

**QUESTION 5**

Why should a researcher worry if a lot of data are missing and what steps should be taken to address this situation? (20 MARKS)

**QUESTION 6**

In data collection both interviews and mail questionnaires have advantages but what are their disadvantages? (20 MARKS)

**QUESTION 7**

What are the characteristics of a normal distribution curve? Give examples of phenomenon that can be expected to be normally distributed.

(20 MARKS)