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TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: IDE-BAE317

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS TWO FROM EACH SECTION.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

You have been commissioned by the Swaziland Revenue Authority to conduct a study on the impact of VAT collection on the citizens in the country. Discuss the steps that you would take to fulfil the demands of this task. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 2

- a) Giving relevant examples, discuss the importance of ethical considerations when conducting any research study. **[15 marks]**

- b) As a researcher you are bound to disclose your identity to those being researched; discuss instances where as a researcher you would decide not to disclose your identity and state whether that would be unethical or not. Give examples to strengthen your answer **[10 marks]**

QUESTION 3

Define the following terms as they apply in research; & in each case use examples to demonstrate your understanding of each concept

- a) Population
- b) Random sampling
- c) Sample
- d) Sampling frame
- e) Sampling bias

[5 x 5 marks]

SECTION B

Answer two (2) questions from this section

QUESTION 4

- a) When designing a questionnaire; state how you would ensure validity and reliability of the instrument. **[20 marks]**
 - b) State the importance of pre-coding of your questionnaire before data collection. **[2 marks]**
 - c) How would you ensure anonymity & confidentiality of your research respondents **[3 marks]**
- Total: **25 marks**

QUESTION 5

- a) Discuss the importance of probability sampling when doing research. **[5 marks]**
- b) Choose and discuss one probability sampling technique stating its features and how you could use it to recruit a sample for your study. **[20 marks]**

QUESTION 6

'There is no way that a researcher can remain objective in a research study because both the respondent and the researcher are involved in the creation of knowledge'. Discuss the research approach that this statement belongs and state how can a researcher ensure that the research evidence is acceptable. **[25 marks]**