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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER: RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: IDE-BAE412

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) 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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