

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADULT EDUCATION) YEAR 3
MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION I

COURSE CODE: IDE-BAE317

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION.**

SECTION A

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 1

- a) Choose two research approaches known to you and explain their characteristics. **[10x 2 = 20 marks]**
- b) Mention five things that may cause a study to fail. **[5 marks]**

QUESTION 2

Critically discuss the importance of research planning, outlining the critical aspects to consider in research planning. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 3

Compare and contrast the criteria used by qualitative and quantitative researchers when judging the quality of a research study. **[25 marks]**

SECTION B

QUESTION 4

- a) What is the significance of sufficiently describing the population in a study? **[6 marks]**
- b) Discuss the importance of sampling in research, highlighting two sampling methods that you know. **[19 marks]**

QUESTION 5

With the aid of examples, discuss when you could be justified to use observational research. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 6

Identify two roles that an ethnographic researcher could choose. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these roles. **[25 marks]**