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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, JULY 2018

PAPER TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION I

COURSE CODE: BAE317

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION (S): ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO  
(2) QUESTIONS

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## QUESTION 1

A. CANGO, the umbrella body for NGOs in Swaziland, has received funding to conduct a study on its members and their projects in Swaziland. As you have been chosen as the consultant, describe how you would go about this task:

- a) the approach you would use
- b) the research design
- c) population & sample
- d) sampling methods & techniques

[10 x 4 = 40 marks]

B. Critically examine the criteria used to evaluate quantitative & qualitative research. [20 marks]

## QUESTION 2

Using relevant examples, describe how you would recruit a sample using the following techniques:

- a) Simple random sampling
- b) Convenience sampling
- c) Stage sampling
- d) Systematic sampling

[5 x 4 = 20 marks]

## QUESTION 3

Compare qualitative and quantitative approaches in terms of the following:

- a) Philosophical assumptions
- b) Strategies of inquiry
- c) Methods employed
- d) Position of the researcher

[5 x 4 = 20 marks]

## QUESTION 4

Survey research is the design of choice where a big coverage of the population has to occur. Discuss the advantages of such a design, highlighting the nature of data you would collect and indicate the analyses you would subject such data to.

[20 marks]

Total marks = 100