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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADULT EDUCATION) YEAR 3
MAIN EXAMINATION, MAY 2018

PAPER TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS IN ADULT EDUCATION I
COURSE CODE: BAE317
TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO
QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

- a) Research planning is critical for the success of any study. Highlight the components of a research plan and critically discuss their purpose in research planning. [20 marks]
- b) Critically discuss how a researcher's knowledge of research traditions / paradigms would impact on the following:
- i. The choice of a research design
 - ii. Population and sampling
 - iii. Data collection instruments
 - iv. Data analyses
- [4 × 10 = 40 marks]

QUESTION 2

- a) With the aid of relevant examples, discuss how you would use your knowledge of sampling designs and techniques to recruit a sample for your study. [10 marks]
- b) Outline at least five (5) sampling errors and describe how these impact on the outcome of a study. [2 × 5 = 10 marks]

QUESTION 3

Highlight & describe three reliability threats when you are using participant observation. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Compare and contrast the experimental design and quasi experimental design.

[20 marks]