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ABSTRACT OF DISSERTATION

This dissertation deals with the following topic: Adult Business Technology: Analysis of a course in an Irish provincial town.

Chapter 1 Introduction. This chapter describes the type of school the course is being held in. It gives a history of St. James from its commencement to the present day — student numbers and the courses being taught there.

Chapter 2 Literature Review. This chapter reviewed writings attributed to various authors on 'adult education' from its emergence to the present day.

Chapter 3 Methodology. This chapter describes in detail the research technique namely, the questionnaire that was used in this dissertation. Qualitative and quantitative research were described in detail. The different types of questions that can be used in the questionnaire were outlined.

Chapter 4 Analysis of results. This chapter describes the answers given to the different questions in the questionnaire.

Chapter 5 examines the **Findings and recommendations.** Adult learners chose to do the course at St. James because of its excellent reputation, its proximity and ease of access. Both first and second year participants on the course were very satisfied with it. There was an increase in the number of retired people attending the course.