



External Examiner Report on MPhil Thesis

(Please tick one criteria that you feel is appropriate within each attributed category.)

Scholar Name:	Student Number:
Thesis Title:	

Chapter 1: Introduction

Background Information

- ☐ Background information is provided and organized in such a way as to establish a context for the study
- ☐ Background information is provided but only minimally establishes a context for the study
- ☐ Adequate background information is provided but does not build a context for the study
- ☐ Not provided, no basis for judgment

Statement of Problem

- ☐ Rationale is extremely well- defined, comprehensive, and persuasive
- ☐ Clear rationale provided
- ☐ Rationale provided for study is weak or statement of problem is not specified
- ☐ No rationale for the study is provided and/or statement of problem is not specified

Research Objectives

- ☐ Objectives provide a clear direction to the study
- ☐ Objectives are in line with the topic
- ☐ Objectives are unclear
- ☐ Objectives do not start with action verbs

Research Questions / Hypotheses

- ☐ Specific research questions are well stated, parallel and support the purpose
- ☐ Questions parallel the purpose
- ☐ Research questions are unclear
- ☐ Poorly stated research questions or hypotheses

Chapter 2: Review of Related Literature

Critical Review of Literature & Relevance

- ☐ Evidence of a comprehensive knowledge and critical review of the literature relevant to the study
- ☐ Evidence of a sound knowledge and critical review of the literature relevant to the study

- ☐ Evidence of a satisfactory knowledge and limited critical review of the relevant literature as it relates to the planned study, but with obvious gaps and omissions
- ☐ No convincing evidence of an understanding of the literature, with a very limited selection of relevant sources and no critical comment

Theoretical Framework

- ☐ Developed a coherent, and fully justified theoretical framework to underpin the research undertaken
- ☐ Developed a clear, appropriate, and justified theoretical framework for the research
- ☐ A theoretical framework is not clearly stated, complete, or justified
- ☐ No development of an appropriate theoretical framework for the research

Conceptual Framework

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- ☐ Developed a clear, appropriate, and justified conceptual framework for the research
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Chapter 3: Methods and Procedures

Research Design

- ☐ Research design is thoroughly and clearly described
- ☐ Research design is described appropriately
- ☐ Research design is in general appropriate
- ☐ No selection and justification of research approach and design

Instrumentation

- ☐ Extensive documentation is clearly provided of well accepted measures taken to determine validity/reliability
- ☐ Appropriate measures are taken and adequately documented to determine validity/reliability
- ☐ Little or no documentation is provided of appropriate measures taken to determine validity/reliability

Data Collection

- ☐ Selection and implementation of data collection methods are based on ethical considerations.
- ☐ Selection and implementation of data collection methods are appropriate and justified
- ☐ Some evidence of data collection methods is provided
- ☐ Inappropriate selection and implementation (or absence) of data collection methods

Data Analysis Procedure

- ☐ Clear and extensive evidence of a high level of appropriate data analysis techniques
- ☐ Clear evidence of using appropriate data analysis techniques
- ☐ Some evidence of using appropriate data analysis techniques
- ☐ Little or no evidence of appropriate data analysis techniques

Limitations

- ☐ Fully recognize the limitations of the methods adopted and their impact on the research
- ☐ Clear recognition of the limitations of the methods adopted and their impact on the research
- ☐ Some recognition of the limitations of the methods adopted and their impact on the research
- ☐ No description of limitations and their impact on the research

Chapter 4: Analysis and Interpretation of Data**Research Questions Answered**

- ☐ Results reported clearly aligned with the analysis techniques used
- ☐ Results reported clearly answer the proposed research questions/hypotheses
- ☐ Results reported partially answer the proposed research questions/hypotheses
- ☐ Results reported do not answer the proposed research questions/hypotheses

Chapter 5: Findings, Discussion, Conclusion, and Recommendations**Presented in appropriate Format**

- ☐ Presentation of findings is completely accurate, complete, and logical
- ☐ Presentation of findings is generally accurate, complete, and logical
- ☐ Presentation of findings is inaccurate, incomplete, or illogical

Importance and contributions of the major findings

- ☐ Clearly discussed in relation to literature, and fully supported by the research
- ☐ Discussed in relation to literature and clearly supported by the research
- ☐ Discussed in relation to literature, but partially supported by the research
- ☐ Not discussed in relation to literature or not supported by the research

Discussion and Conclusions

- ☐ Fully supported by the evidence or based on logical reasoning
- ☐ Clearly supported by the evidence or based on logical reasoning
- ☐ Not entirely but partially supported by the findings or based on logical reasoning
- ☐ Inaccurate, incomplete, or illogical, and not supported by the results

Recommendations for practice, policy, and further research

- ☐ Justified by the findings and conclusions and are actionable
- ☐ Justified by the findings and conclusions. significance is described (knowledge generation, professional application, positive social change)
- ☐ Partially based on results
- ☐ Not justified by the findings and conclusions

Overall Presentation and Writing

Writing Structure

- ☐ Conforms to all the required specifications and has an excellent layout in terms of structure and logical argument
- ☐ Conforms to all the required specifications and has a good layout in terms of structure and logical argument
- ☐ Conforms to major specifications and has an acceptable layout in terms of structure and logical argument
- ☐ Does not conform to the required specifications and has generally unacceptable layout in terms of structure and logical argument

Writing Mechanics

- ☐ Clear and correct use of English characterized by a very lucid style of expression, with no imprecise and/or incorrect statements
- ☐ Clear and correct use of English characterized by a clear style of expression, with few imprecise and/or incorrect statements
- ☐ Reasonably clear and correct use of English characterized by generally clear expression, with relatively few imprecise and/or incorrect statements
- ☐ Generally poor use of English characterized by numerous errors, unclear, incorrect and/or illogical statements

APA Style

- ☐ Conforms to all the required specifications of the APA style and has no errors in the use of headings, in-text citations, and references
- ☐ Conforms to all the required specifications of the APA style and has few errors in the use of headings, in-text citations, and references
- ☐ Conforms to the major specifications of the APA style and has relatively few errors in the use of headings, in-text citations, and references
- ☐ Does not conform to the required APA style specifications and has generally unacceptable errors in the use of headings, in-text citations, and references

Comments (if any):

(Please use extra sheet if needed)

Recommendation

Accepted

Accepted with minor revisions

Accepted with major revisions

Rejected

External Examiner

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