

ASSESSMENT OF DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

(Option 1 only)

4. The approach to the study is briefly discussed so as to provide insight on the methodology to be developed.

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Inadequate Adequate Outstanding

Comments:

5. Limitations in the methodology or instrumentation are identified and briefly discussed.

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Comments:

6. The potential importance of the research is briefly discussed in terms of its contribution to knowledge.

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Comments:

Please rate the following material contained in the “Review of Literature” or “Background” Chapter and provide explanatory comments:

1. Sufficient literature is reviewed to explain the main theories that are generally accepted in the field, and to explain the debates between theories which have caused intellectual tension in the field.

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Inadequate Adequate Outstanding

Comments:

2. The literature review is organized around different theories, historical sequences, or other logical organizational methodologies.

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Comments:

3. The literature review is concluded by highlighting contradictions and uncertainties; by emphasizing the significance of proposed research; and by summarizing major trends in a cogent way.

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Comments:

Please rate the following material contained in the “Methods” or “Approach to Study” Chapter and provide explanatory comments:

1. The chapter begins with an overview of material to be covered.

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Comments:

2. The specific research question(s) are restated to set the stage for the hypotheses or expected outcomes and to provide a context for describing the research methodology.

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Comment:

3. Research expectations are stated in terms of hypotheses with associated levels of significance, or as anticipated findings, outcomes or conclusions, stated in a discursive form

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Comments:

4. Suitability of the methodology for the research question is explained in detail.

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5. An operational definition of all variables used in the study is provided.

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Comments:

6. Sufficient information on materials, equipment, and research instruments used in the study is provided to enable the study to be replicated.

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Comments:

7. A description of subjects to be used in the study is provided, including their characteristics and how they will be selected.

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Comments:

8. The steps or procedures used to carry out the study are clearly defined.

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Comments:

9. Instruments to be used, including the methods of collecting data, are described in sufficient detail to illustrate their strengths and weaknesses.

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Comments:

10. A description and justification of how data will be scored, collected, recorded, and analyzed (including statistical tests, if applicable) are provided.

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Comments:

11. Methodological assumptions and limitations of the proposed study are discussed in sufficient detail to clearly strengthen confidence in the candidate's ability as a scholar and researcher.

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Comments:

12. If the study uses human or animal subjects, a statement to the effect that the candidate has complied with the standards for conducting this type of research is provided.

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Comments: