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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background of Study

How the topic relates to the world at large

Research problem: How the issue you want to study emerged in the natural context

## 1.2 Research Questions

From research problem, present three to five structured research questions

## 1.3 Research Aims and Objectives

Define the overall aim of the dissertation

State the objectives you need to attain in order to meet the aim above – usually 3 to 5 of them

## 1.4 Motivation for Research

State why you are doing this:

Obviously, it is part of your graduation requirement for your degree

You must also state the use and impact of the dissertation here

## 1.5 Structure of Research

Give a brief account of how you will do this research

Talk about the total number of chapters

Which methods and theories you will use

Lay out a brief framework of what you intend to study

# 2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

## 2.1 Theoretical Framework

Key theories to be applied in the analysis of your data.

Mainly ideas from authoritative sources that explain the normative rules and best practices in the field

## 2.2 Conceptual Framework

Usually, ideas that are emerging that have not been conclusively proven

Models and frameworks that will be applied in your study

## 2.3 Gaps in Research/Synthesis

A synthesis of the different ideas and concepts

Comparative themes and evaluation of different views found in the literature review

Define key themes in relation to Research Questions

## 2.4 Conclusion

# 3.0 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

## 3.1 Research Philosophy

Research Type

Epistemology of Research

Ontology of Research

## 3.2 Research Strategy

Variables of Research

Research Activities

Action Plan - Stages

## 3.3 Data Collection

Measurements and Constructs

Population and Sampling

Data Collection Stages

## 3.4 Data Analysis

# 4.0 FINDINGS OF FIELDWORK

Factual and direct presentation of findings with no discussions

## 4.1 Report on the Fieldwork

What did you actually do?

Which activities did you undertake?

Present all relevant incidents that happened in the field work

## 4.2 Results of Fieldwork Activity 1

Present data and facts

## 4.3 Results of Fieldwork Activity 2

Present data and facts

## 4.4 Results of Fieldwork Activity 3

Present data and facts

# 5.0 DISCUSSIONS

Analysis and interpretation of data

This is best done under themes that mirror the research question

## 5.1 Analysis Theme 1

## 5.2 Analysis Theme 2

## 5.3 Analysis Theme 3

# 6.0 CONCLUSIONS

Apply findings and interpretations to the research question directly

## 6.1 Key Findings and Trends

Findings that relate to the research questions

## 6.2 Answer to the Research Aim

Central answer to the core research aim

## 6.3 Recommendations / Future Research Suggestions

Present practical recommendations

OR identify area for further research in future

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# Appendix 1

# Appendix 2

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