

Sixth Session

Objectives

<u>Research Proposal:</u> 1. Definition of Research Proposal 2. Structure

<u>I/Correction of the homework about the Literature Review</u>

Task 1: Choose (a)or(b) : 1-Literature Review is:

(a) a specific review of literary works revised and criticized (b) a part included in an academic study prepared by a researcher while conducting his(her) research in the same field.

2-Literature Review can include:

(a) peer-reviewed articles, journals, books, dissertations

(b) personal diaries

3-Literature Review is composed of:

(a) a title, an abstract and a bibliography

(b) an introduction, a body and a conclusion

4-Literature Review reflects:

(a) the researcher's ability to invest previous works for conducting his study (b) the researcher's own academic works of different topics

5-Literature Review is intended to:

(a) cite and describe famous works.

(b) describe, analyze, criticize and synthesize the previous works' analyses, conclusions, results and gaps.

Task 2: True (T) or False (F):

1. The literature review is <u>a summary of the research proposal</u>.(F):

- It is summary and analysis of previous research works about the same topic

2. It is the final section of the research process of writing a dissertation.(F):

• It is included in the research(generally before the Methodology section)

3. When well formulated, the gap in the previous surveys shows that the researcher's work is worth reading.(T)

4. The literature review's body includes the discussion about common and divergent areas between the selected works.(T)

5. The literature review shows how the researcher's study <u>does not fit</u> in to the existing knowledge(F):

- It <u>fits</u> in to the existing knowledge.

6. It enhances new understandings of the same problem.(T)

Research Proposal

I. Definition :

- A roadmap for the process of the dissertation (or the paper, the thesis).
- Fundamental part of the dissertation being informative and persuasive that the study is interesting and important.

•A detailed skeleton of the dissertation.

• Rigorous Research Proposal facilitates the dissertation writing.

II. Structure :

- 1. A title: clear, meaningful, reflecting the content and not too long
- 2. Introduction:

• Brief description of the topic and related facts, aims, and importance scope (area), motivation of the study.

3. Research statement: detailed and accurate description of:

• Aims :what the researcher wants to achieve

• Objectives (3 or 4):what particular issues to achieve(more specific than the aims) impact, benefits resulting after the research question is answered

• Research questions: more specific than the objectives, starting with : What, why, how.

4. Preliminary Literature Review:

- Summary, analysis and synthesis of the previous works
- Strength and weakness in these previous works
- Justification of your research importance and innovation
- 5. Methodology:
- Define the research methods you want to employ
- Justify the methods' choice
- How to solve the problem
- The research design: procedure, how you plan to follow in order to answer the problem question.
- Details of data sources
- How to conduct the study: interview, questionnaire, case study...etc.

6. Conclusion:

- The outcomes you expect as a result of your study.
- <u>N.B.:</u> You can read some joined s Studies' PDFs that can be fruitful.
 - You will find this lesson and the studies in Moodle, too.

