

SYNOPSIS STRUCTURE

**Guidelines for preparing a synopsis for
Ph. D. work in any subject**



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TOPIC

Suggestion – Please write the title of the work entirely in **CAPITAL** letters without marking inverted commas ('---'), question mark (?), or full stop (.).

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Introduction

(Background/ Origin of the problem/Backdrop of the study)

Suggestion – Usually, It should be of the length of 2 and a half pages, i.e., in approx 250 words.

1.1 Existing Knowledge – The researcher should begin with the sentence –

“ After an extensive and intensive review work, it was found that so _____ and _____ so--- _____ have studied/conducted/undertaken/completed/invented/explored/investigated/researched.

Suggestions–

1. Here in the synopsis, the research scholar should write the researcher name, the topic of the research in short and the year of the research.
2. It must contain as many researches the researcher had reviewed before preparing the synopsis. If the researcher has considered many types of research, then the researcher must write in three to four paragraphs if not more than one or two section should be sufficient.

3. The sole purpose of developing this portion is to have a comprehensive knowledge of existing knowledge in the area/problem being chosen in this study.

4. The researcher should develop the critical ability to pin point the knowledge gap related to his/her research problem.

1.2 The knowledge gap

A half sentence is/are sufficient.

1.3 The research question

The researcher should write clear cut some questions (preferably 3-5) centrally related to the quest of finding the answer to the research problem.

Suggestion – The researcher should write in form

1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3

1.4 The need of the study

Suggestion – One sentence as - “To preserve the knowledge gap and find the answer to the research question the need of the present study seems relevant.”

Or

“This study has been undertaken to preserve the existing knowledge gap and answer the research question.”

1.5 The statement of the problem

Suggestion – The researcher should write only one sentence as - “ The formal title of this study is as below (or studied below)”

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

In the above line, the exact title of the research problem as written on the top of the synopsis should be written in CAPITAL letters with similar precautions as suggested earlier.

1.6 Definition of terms used in the Title

The researcher should begin with the sentence - “ It is imperative to define each term which has come in the title of the study literally and functionally (operationally).

The researcher should write the term to be defined in the same sequence as the term has appeared in the title in the following manner -

1.6.1 – (term-1)

1.6.2 – (term-2)

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Suggestions – The researcher should write the literal definition of the term from dictionary/ encyclopedia/thesis/research abstract/ reference book etc. (literary sources). At the end of each term, the researcher must write the annotation of the definition/meaning which (s)he has conceptualized to use throughout the body of the thesis.

1.7 Objective of the study

The primary objective of the study are as follows : -

Suggestions – The researcher should begin each objective of the study in the following manner -

1.7.1 To find out

1.7.2 To survey

1.7.3 To collect

1.7.4 To explore

1.7.5 To know/ To identify

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Usually, the researcher should prefer to write as many objective as is the number of research question (1.3).

1.8 The Hypothesis

The researcher should formulate the hypothesis in correspondance with the research questions and objectives in a convincing manner. The hypothesis must be arranged as below -

1.8.1 . . .

1.8.2 . . .

1.9 Methodology of the study in brief

The researcher should write the first sentence - “This study will be completed on the following methods/ procedure/steps/- ”

1.9.1 The researcher should write very clearly whether the study will be conducted in the form of a survey or experimental or historical or any other approach/method.

1.9.2 The method to be used

The population (universe) – Here the scholar should mention the brief information about the definiteness or indefiniteness of population/ universe including the area (region).

1.9.3 The sample and sampling technique

The researcher should write clearly the nature of the sampling technique (s) to be deployed for selecting the sample of this study. Here the researcher should indicate the size and nature of the sample to be chosen for this study.

1.9.4 Tools to be used

Here the scholar should mention the name of research tools/setting/apparatus/contents.

1.9.5 Administration of the tool/ Collection of data

The researcher should write in categorical term about the approach of researching group or individual, generally in social sciences and about the apparatus and setting and experimentation in sciences.

1.9.6 Preparation of the Master Chart

The researcher should enter all the relevant information (data) in the master chart.

1.9.7 Tabulation, Classification, and Analysis of Data

Here the researcher should write about the tabulation, classification, and analysis of the data entered in the master chart about the objectives of the study.

1.9.8 Statistics to be used

The researcher should write the names of suitable description and inferential statistics.

1.10 The De-limitation of the study

The researcher should write in the beginning here under the delimitation as the sentence - “ Due to lack of time and resources the researcher has delimited this study on the following points -

1.10.1 The languages to be used.

1.10.2 About sample size/ gender/strata / qualitative or quantitative or either of the two.

1.11 Tentative scheme of Chapters

This research in the form of a thesis/ dissertation will be organized and reported in the following chapters-

1.11.1 Chapter -1 - The introduction of the study.

1.11.2 Chapter -2 - Review of related literature.

1.11.3 Chapter -3 - Methodology of the study and data collection.

1.11.4 Chapter -4 - Tabulation / Classification/ Analysis and Interpretation of data.

1.11.5 Chapter -5 - Findings (Results, Conclusion, Limitations, Implications) and suggestion for further research.

Appendices

Bibliography

1.12 References

All references should come in the body of the synopsis must be cited with the sequence – “Authors name, place of publication, year of publication, the title of article/ book, year of edition, page number.”