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THE VIVA DEFENCE

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QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTION

AT PROBLEMS YOUR RESEARCH ADRESS?

W YOUR WORK, OWN YOUR WORDS.

LITERATURE REVIEW

WHAT ARE THE MAIN ISSUES AND DEBATES IN YOUR RESEARCH AREA?

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METHODOLOGY

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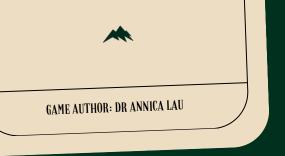
FINDINGS

OW DO YOU KNOW AT YOUR FINDINGS DISCUSSION

HOW HAS YOUR VIEW OF YOUR RESEARCH CONCLUSION

WHAT ARE TH

CONTRIBUTIONS



Instructions

Start your preparations at least two weeks before your viva defence.
Read your work and highlight important sections to help you find your way around.
Cut out this pack of cards.
Shuffle the cards and draw at least 9 cards every day for 7 days. Speak the answers out loud.
Start again after 7 days for another round.
Do a mock viva with your supervisors or peers. This helps you prepare for unexpected questions.



PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO YOUR VIVA SUCCESS.



PLEASE START BY
SUMMARISING YOUR
THESIS IN 5MIN/3MIN
AND 1 MIN.

PREPARE THOROUGHLY, PRESENT CONFIDENTLY.

CAN YOU SUMMARISE YOUR THESIS IN ONE SENTENCE?

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WHAT IS THE IDEA
THAT BINDS YOUR
THESIS TOGEHTER?

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WHAT MOTIVATED AND/OR INSPIRED YOU TO CARRY OUT THIS RESEARCH?

WHAT WERE THE CRUCIAL RESEARCH DECISIONS YOU MADE?

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WHAT IS YOUR STUDY ABOUT AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS?

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WHAT ARE THE STRONGEST/WEAKEST PARTS OF YOUR WORK?

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS OF DOING YOUR DOCTORATE?

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AS A RESEARCHER,
WHAT CHANGE HAS
THIS JOURNEY
BROUGHT IN YOU?

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GENERAL QUESTIONS



DID THE RESEARCH PROCESS GO AS PER YOUR PLAN OR WERE THERE ANY UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU HAD TO DEAL WITH?



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GENERAL QUESTIONS



WHAT ADVICE WOULD
YOU GIVE TO A
RESEARCH STUDENT
ENTERING THIS
RESEARCH AREA?



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WHAT PROBLEMS DOES YOUR RESEARCH ADRESS?



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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO CALL YOUR TITLE [...]?



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WHY IS THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE TACKLED WORTH TACKLING?



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HOW DID YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION EMERGE?



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WHAT IS THE REASON FOR SELECTING THE RESEARCH QUESTIONS?



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WHAT ARE YOUR RESEARCH QUESTIONS?



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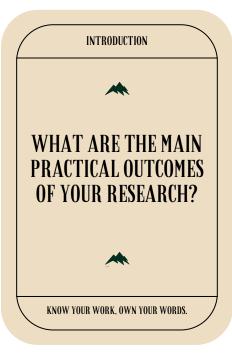
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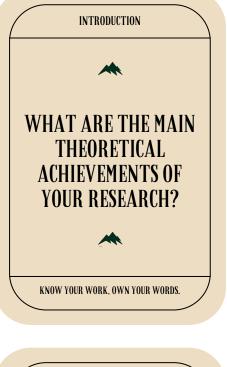


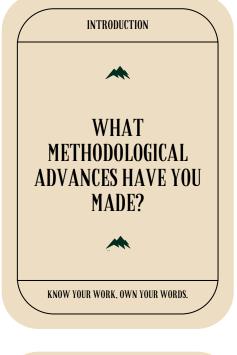
WHAT IS THE KEY FOCUS OF YOUR RESEARCH?

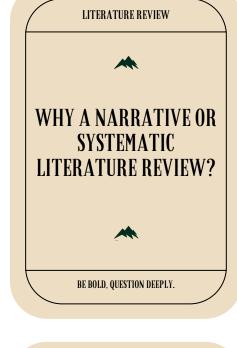


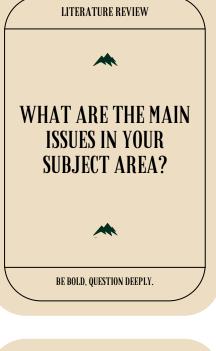
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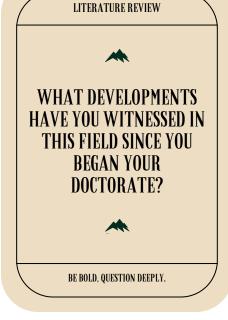




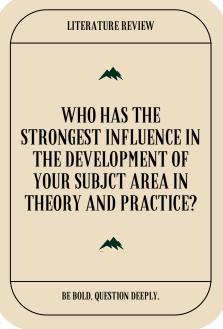






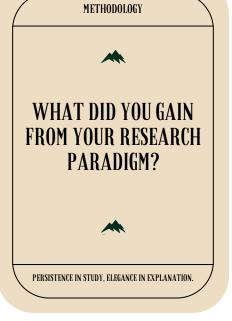












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