

Assignment 1 (20 Grades)

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Write the introduction, the methodology, and a preliminary review of four related studies for your research project in accordance with the specifications given below in addition to consulting the relevant material uploaded on blackboard. Reflect on the guidelines given on your project during the classes and the supporting material uploaded on blackboard for your consideration.

1. Introduction

1.1. Introduction

You have to present the background of your study, need for the study and importance of the study. Organize the ideas from general to specific in view of the preliminary title of the project: **Writing difficulties/problems/challenges faced by Saudi ESL students (learners): A research review**

1.2. The statement of the problem

To have clarity and understanding, a research study, in nature is to find a problem, or to solve an existing problem, or to both find and solve a problem. In a broader sense, it is understood as hypothesis. Therefore, you need to work out the problem statement, which is more specific than your topic. Then, it makes the scope and aim of your study clear. Hence, the most important aspect of your study is formulating a clear, concise, and manageable research problem to rework and reword the problem statement of your study until you reach clarity.

1.3. The research question(s)

A question or a set of questions is formulated throughout the problem statement. The following question is an attempt to gain information in order to solve out the problem: **What are the writing difficulties (problems) faced by Saudi ESL students (learners)?**

1.4. The objectives of the study

They are statements of what a researcher is expected to know and be able to do upon completion of the study in hand.

1.5. The significance of the study

Significance of the study in the research is a part where you will tell the importance and purpose of study. This part tells how the study would be beneficial to you and society.

1.6. The limitations of the study

It is like a disclaimer for the research. It tells the reader what you could not investigate, what problems hindered you on the way, or to what extent your findings can be generalized.

1.7. The definitions of the key terms

In this part the researcher illustrates for the readers whatever terms he/she used in his study.

1.8. Summary

The researcher will conclude the assignment in one or two paragraphs.

2. Methodology

The researcher will give brief information about what he is planning to do in this section. In other words what this part is all about need to be presented. The procedures that reflect all the activities involved in selecting the data required for study. (eg. How data are collected and from whom). To a great extent the specific procedures that are relevant to the research question and the variables involved in the study have to be clearly mentioned.

3. Literature Review

3.1. Introduction

A literature review (or overview) is a summary and analysis of current knowledge about a particular topic or area of inquiry. The major purpose of reviewing literature is to identify information that already exists about your topic.

3.2. Theoretical Review

Theoretical frameworks established in the area of enquiry can be reviewed and presented here.

3.3. Current research in the broad area

The researcher is also expected to review the research currently being carried out in the area of interest. This sort of review brings a researcher very close to the present line of thought and study in the area. You are required to refer to no less than five current studies (resources) relevant to your topic.

3.4. Similar research in the area

The researcher needs to reflect on his or her topic in the light of research similar to his or hers. This sort of review draws the researchers' attention towards the significance of his or her work. Specifically a smaller and well-organized review is preferred to the review containing many studies that are less related to the problem.

3.5. Length of the assignment

You are required to produce a 3000 word assignment. The summary for each study should be 500 words maximum.

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