

## Evaluation criteria

Criteria	Excellent	Very good	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Abstract [20%]	A highly effective and concise abstract covering all key areas of the work	Key areas highlighted in abstract, along with concise and effective arguments	Some key areas highlighted but shortage of a cogent and comprehensive overview	A few areas highligh but overall lacks comprehension and awareness of key aspects of work	comprehensiveness
Background [15%] Size, scope, and importance	Clearly articulates the size, scope, and importance of the research topic.	Size, scope, and importance of the research topic is explained, but may lack clarity, depth, or linkages to the research question.	Size, scope, and importance of the research topic is outlined, but lacks clarity, depth, or linkages to the research question.	There is inadequate evidence about the scope, and importar of the research topic and linkages to the research question.	size, inadequate evidence of the size, scope, and
Project aim/ Research Question [10 %]	Clear articulation of aims/ research questions  Research Questions justified in view of background and/or rationale for research	Clear statement of aims/research questions  Some justification of aims in view of background and/or rationale for research	Some confusion, vagueness in statement of aims/research questions  Aims/Research Questions not clearly justified in view of background and/or rationale for	A vague or confusing aims/research quest statement  Aims/Research Questions not clearl justified in view of background and/or rationale for research	No clear justification in view of background and/or rationale for research



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Methodology [10 %]	A clear and detailed account of methodology	Good account of methods with occasional lapses	Good account of methods but missing some critical aspects	Missing most of the critical aspects within the account of methods	Lack of clear discussion of methods
	Clear and convincing discussion of paradigmatic perspectives and	Some discussion of paradigmatic perspectives	Some paradigmatic discussions but unclear with some confusion	Little evidence of awareness of paradigmatic basis of methodology	No/little evidence of awareness of paradigmatic basis of methodology
	A creative and suitable adaption of methods	Suitable adaptation of methods	Little evidence of adaptation of method to suit question	Little justification of methods	Use of methods not justified
Research plan [20 %]	Very clear, realistic and well considered plan and timeline	Clear plan with a few lapses	Plan is somewhat clear - vagueness in	Mostly unclear or vague plan	Unclear/vague plan  Major areas missed
	Considers key steps	Addresses most steps of the research	key areas  Some key steps	Most of the key areas missed from the project	from the project cycle
	of the research process	process  Good consideration	missed from the project cycle	cycle Hardly any discussion on context	Lack of contextual adaptations
	Outlines the key stakeholders.	of context	Sparse on discussion of context	Most key stakeholder	Poor consideration of budget or timelines.
	Well-adjusted to context	Good discussion of stakeholders	Some key stakeholders missing	missing  Most key areas in	I Inadequate treatment of
	All key areas included	Most key areas		budgeting missing	stakeholders



Discussion/	in the budget  Effective dissemination strategy  Key implications of	included in the budget  Good dissemination strategy  Good discussion of	Some key areas missed in budgeting  Gaps in dissemination strategy  Some discussion of	Mostly unclear or inappropriate dissemination strategy  Little discussion of the	Unclear and less appropriate dissemination strategy  Implications of study
critique (Reflective	the study discussed	implications of study	implications of study	implications of the study	not clear
account) [15 %]	Strengths and limitations of the methodology argued effectively  Challenges anticipated and discussed	Some discussion of strengths and limitations  Some challenges highlighted	Some key strengths and limitations – but lacking in some key areas  Some discussion of challenges	Few key strengths and limitations identified  Little discussion of the challenges	Confusion/ vagueness in discussion of strengths and limitations  Challenges poorly identified – unconvincing
Presentation/ Writing [10%]	Effective and clear Engaging and	Clear communication	Clear use of language	Some difficulties in clarity	Difficult to grasp main idea and confusion
	readable  No major grammatical errors	Readable and largely coherent  No major	Good coherence and flow of ideas  Some grammatical	Ideas may be muddled  Multiple grammatical	I Ideas largely muddled
	Well cited and good range of references	grammatical errors  Minimal citation	errors  Some citation and	errors  Citation and	Major grammatical errors
	J T	and reference errors	referencing errors	referencing errors	Major problems with citation and references

