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# 1. Introduction

## (1) Research Background

**Directions:**

State the origin, background, and motivation of the research.

## (2) Research Objectives

**Directions:**

One possible formula: state the general objective of the research, followed by 3-5 specific objectives.

## (3) Research Significance

**1. Theoretical Significance**

**Directions:**

State, normally in no more than 3 items, in what aspects this research will promote the development of the discipline concerned.

**2. Practical Significance**

**Directions:**

Academic research should also serve practical purposes, for instance, offering theoretical support for the related research in the discipline concerned, providing policy advice concerning the social, political, economic and cultural development, and playing a certain role in promoting the development of higher education. Specify the practical significance of the research normally in no more than 3 items.

# 2. Literature Review

Note: You may either follow one of the three patterns listed below, or design a pattern suitable for your research. Whatever pattern you choose for your research, make it appropriate and reasonable.

## Pattern 1: Previous Studies Abroad, Previous Studies at Home and Evaluation of Previous Studies

**Directions:**

Literature review can be written in the sequence of “Previous Studies Abroad”, “Previous Studies at Home” and “Evaluation of Previous Studies”.

In “Previous Studies Abroad” and “Previous Studies at Home”, it is suggested to offer detailed review by sorting out the extant studies concerned both at home and abroad, for instance, in a chronological and (or) topic-by-topic manner. Instead of merely listing the researchers’ names and the titles of their works, it is necessary to specify their research objectives and scopes, summarize the main ideas, clarify their contribution to this specific research area.

In “Evaluation of Previous Studies”, it is necessary to make a summary of and critical evaluation of the studies reviewed above, highlighting both the overall merits and flaws of the extant studies, so as to provide a logical starting point for the proposed research. Please note that you may either separate this third part from the first two as is suggested above, or integrate “Evaluation of Previous Studies” into “Previous Studies Abroad” and “Previous Studies at Home”, so long as the overall structure is clear, appropriate and logical.

## Pattern 2: Research Topics or Perspectives

**Directions:**

In this pattern, it is suggested to classify the extant studies concerned both at home and abroad according to topics or perspectives, and elaborate on the current situation of the foreign and domestic studies, including their viewpoints and limitations, in each topic or perspective. Note that the topic classification should be appropriate and reasonable.

## Pattern 3: Research Periods

**Directions:**

In this pattern, it is suggested to classify the extant studies concerned both at home and abroad according to time periods, and elaborate on the current situation of the foreign and domestic studies, including their viewpoints and limitations, in each period. Please note that the period classification should be appropriate and reasonable.

# 3. Research Questions, Procedure and Methodology

## (1) Research Questions

**Directions:**

State 1-3 research questions of the research to keep your research question-oriented and question-driven.

## (2) Research Procedure

**Directions:**

State the research procedure, i.e., specify what to do first, what to do next, and what to do at last. Be clear about the specific tasks to be undertaken in different stages of thesis writing. You may show them in a mind map.

## (3) Research Methodology

**Directions:**

Clarify the research methods adopted in the research and explain why they are necessary. Please note that the adopted methods should be acceptable in the discipline concerned.

# 4. Research Contents and Thesis Structure

## (1) Research Contents

**Directions:**

Elaborate on what each chapter of the thesis will be about, preferably with each chapter in a separate paragraph.

## (2) Thesis Structure

**Directions:**

Demonstrate the thesis structure in the form of table of contents.

# 5. Research Foci, Difficulties and Innovations

## (1) Research Foci

**Directions：**

State clearly the research foci (normally no more than 3 items).

## (2) Research Difficulties

**Directions：**

State clearly the anticipated difficulties in the research and propose possible solutions (normally no more than 3 items).

## (3) Research Innovations

**Directions：**

State clearly the innovations of the research in terms of research methods, findings, etc. (normally no more than 3 items).

# 6. Research Experience and Writing Plan

## (1) Published or Written Papers

**Directions:**

List the basic information (e.g., title, journal and the year of publication) of your published papers and those submitted but not yet published. This is compulsory for PhD candidates and optional for MA students.

## (2) Research Material Preparation

**Directions:**

State briefly the progress of material collection, reading, and evaluation for this research.

## (3) Writing Plan

**Directions:**

State chronologically the specific tasks of thesis writing and the deadlines for each task.

# 7. Works Cited

**Directions:**

1. List all the items in foreign languages, followed by those in Chinese, all in an alphabetical order.
2. For references in English, use MLA style in a literature thesis and APA style in a linguistics and translation thesis. For references in other foreign languages, use styles acceptable in the language concerned.
3. For references in Chinese, follow the documentation style specified in “Documentation Style for Graduate Theses and Dissertations of SYSU”.