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## The rationale and approaches for choosing a research topic

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#### ABSTRACT



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## Introduction

his study examines the fundamental components of a research title, the naming standards used in different research frameworks, and the unique characteristics of each research framework. Regardless of whether a research project is intended for a Ph.D. degree or any other purpose, the selection of an appropriate topic is a crucial initial stage. Regarding doctoral degrees, the following scenarios are frequently encountered: If the Ph.D. program is to earn money from a research project, it is anticipated that the applicant will be required to interact with others in order to achieve the specified topic and objectives. When a firm provides funding for a study, it is the duty of the researcher to investigate the issue that the management has raised. The researcher's capacity to modify the participants and aims in this setting is limited. The supervisor has the authority to propose research subjects that expand upon prior findings. (Martin, 2013) The supervisor's expertise in the area makes them capable of assisting the researcher in this particular scenario. Other scholars have the autonomy to independently select their own themes. In order to achieve this objective, it is crucial to employ pragmatic approaches to overcome barriers. Education is becoming

increasingly prevalent worldwide. The field of education faces several problems as it progresses. Researchers worldwide are perpetually seeking solutions (Freedman, 1960). Utilizing scientific study to discover a viable solution to a problem is a challenging endeavor. There are multiple measures that must be taken to rectify this situation. The initial stage in commencing research is identifying the issue related to the study topic. Conducting study on the subject is impractical unless the issue is explicitly identified. This inquiry will primarily focus on the qualities, constraints, and standards of the problem due to their importance.

#### **Research Problems**

Frequently, we see articles with protracted titles that do not adhere to research protocols. While a title might be considered the headline of an article, it is worth noting that extensive books can be dedicated to this subject. There are numerous unresolved concerns regarding the boundaries of cognitive jurisdiction. Many current study inquiries fail to reference theories from fields such as literature, philosophy, sociology, or psychology. The primary issue lies in the impracticability of undertaking novel employment opportunities under such circumstances. Conducting concentrated inquiry on a specific problem or individual can be

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challenging for many people due to the unpredictable limitations of intelligence, time, and location. The importance of selecting a title is frequently overlooked. Optimal titles are those that are attention-grabbing, concise, and have significant meaning. The statements are ambiguous and have no connection to the current situation. The subject is inadequately addressed; other additional issues arise, and intellectual limitations are disregarded.

## Value and importance

The term accurately encapsulates the comprehensive nature of the entire research project. The successful completion of the research project relies on the careful selection of a suitable title that aligns well with the chosen approach (Grant, 2013). The captivating title captivates our attention, stimulates our contemplation of the solution, and inspires us to proactively do the project with success. The primary title of an academic research piece holds significant importance. Given that academic titles address often encountered topics across several disciplines, selecting an appropriate one for a book, pamphlet, thesis, or any scholarly work is of utmost importance. When choosing the title, it is crucial to strictly follow the requirements. The significance and pertinence of the topic have prompted the decision to conduct a study on it. When assessing a scholarly piece that has been analyzed, it is customary to begin by examining the title. The book thoroughly analyzes the title, focusing specifically on its distinctiveness, clarity, and adherence to research title criteria. The objective of this study is to tackle and fix these challenges. The research is motivated by the necessity for it. Consequently, it has been asserted that the primary impetus for invention is necessity. This is the main problem. Hence, in order to ascertain the issue at hand, the researcher must possess knowledge of the prevailing conditions. Research plays a crucial role both in the absence of inquiries and when inquiries do arise. When a researcher's primary work produces significant outcomes, they can become an expert in their field of study and make a substantial contribution to society. By submitting the study as a research article to a publisher, the researcher can distribute these findings and make them available to future researchers. Identifying a study problem can sometimes be a vexing procedure for a researcher. Upon reviewing the annual research papers, it becomes evident that a significant number of individuals express dissatisfaction with the selection process of study topics. However, knowledge is continuously expanding. Emerging fields of research that remain unexplored or underdeveloped are beginning to emerge. Undoubtedly, performing research will inevitably entail encountering problems. However, he must admit that as a researcher, he is unable to precisely identify the specific problem (Ellis & Levy, 2008).

## Methodology

This research involved reading specific books, taking notes from them, analyzing the subject based on observation and experience, and conducting academic research. The library research method was utilized. Throughout the research process, the problems were identified, observations were conducted, the subject matter was evaluated, and the difficulties were categorized, analyzed, and interpreted. Descriptive and analytical methodologies were employed.

#### The Characteristics of a Good Research Title

An academic study is characterized by its systematic and rigorous approach, following research principles consistently from start to finish. Choosing an appropriate title for a research project is crucial to ensuring its successful completion. An effective study title incorporates the essential keywords, establishes a clear

connection to the primary concern, and accurately explains the research outcomes. The title should avoid any ambiguity and clichés and instead be concise, transparent, and readily comprehensible (Chapnick, 2019). It should captivate people's attention. The title of the study paper should captivate readers and evoke a sense of affection, so enticing them to read the entire document. Furthermore, the title should not suggest a broader concept than the main topic, which should appear to be more concise. Employing metaphorical language in titles is ill-advised. Avoidance of sentimentality, ornate language, and fantastical elements is recommended. Titles should not contain implicit statements, predicative words, or questions. The subtitle of the content must not be identical. An ideal research title should exhibit both creativity and innovation simultaneously. Clear and precise conceptions that take into account both necessity and significance should be employed in order to choose the intellectual and temporal limitations. The text should consist of a maximum of 14 words, and it is advisable to refrain from employing synonyms and redundancy. While it may not be feasible for a title to possess every characteristic of a robust title, it is imperative to meticulously scrutinize every part of the title when conducting research. However, it is crucial to take into account the aforementioned qualities. When doing research, it is imperative to establish the specific boundaries of the study and select a concise title with careful consideration. (Roberts, 2010)This is a topic that is highly debated. The title of a research study should be concise rather than overly general. However, if the title is lengthy, it can be shortened and modified during the evaluation process of the study. The American Psychological Association (APA) recommends that a research title be concise. Efforts should be made to prevent unnecessarily lengthening a title and to ensure that it meets the criteria by using appropriate terminology. Nevertheless, in extraordinary circumstances, the number of words may be augmented if lowering them would significantly impact the subject matter of the investigation. Choosing a study title carefully is crucial since a well-selected title enhances the importance of the research. (Freedman, 1960) It appeals to a substantial audience and enthusiasts who are interested in studying it. You may have come across several intriguing titles, but due to time limitations, you were unable to read the entire article. Nevertheless, the title of the article may have made a strong impression on you, arousing a curiosity to read it. When titles are chosen based on professional experience, even individuals with less interest in reading may be enticed to read the article.

#### Differences between Research Titles and Creative Titles

A title is necessary for every inquiry and progress. There are distinctions between the research and creation titles. Writers in this specific domain must use caution when composing. Some artworks have titles that directly reflect their contents, while others have labels chosen by the creator based on personal and subjective considerations. Numerous artworks have titles that evoke strong emotions or humor, which can often obscure the true essence of the piece, even after one has engaged with it. In order to generate novel, distinctive, and innovative thoughts, it is necessary to cultivate the ability of imaginative thinking. Roberts (2010) and Wang and Park (2016) are two prominent sources that offer significant study themes. (Roberts, 2010) (Wang, 2016) Research titles often lack originality and evoke little emotional response, in stark contrast to the evocative and creative labels given to artwork. There are multiple notable differences between the two.

They are as following:

 The title of research structures should be clear, but the title of creative work does not have this characteristic.

- In research, the title represents the content, but creation does not have this characteristic.
- Imagination, sentiment, and thought items are not used in research titles and if they were used, it would not be a right thing to do. However, if this characteristic exists in the titles of creative works, it does not matter.
- In research titles, satiric points cannot be added, but this part exists in creative works.
- There are key items in research titles, but this part does not exist in creative works
- The main title of the research represents the whole subject, but there is not anything like this in creative works.
- Implicit sentences, predicate sentences and questions are not allowed to be used as research titles, but it is possible in creative works.
- Intellectual, time and place limits are important for research, but nor for the creative works.
- Research titles are easy to understand and simple and we can catch the content of the research by reading it once, but in creative works this issue is not worth mentioning.

Research needs a title that has clear aspects and is small to the possible extent, but if making the title smaller harms the content, it is better not to make it smaller.

It is stated about it: (The title should be small and should not exceed than twelve words, its relation with the main subject is important and should be able to explain the main subject.

### Selection of Titles Based on Ideas

When doing research, it is crucial to highlight the significance of incorporating discoveries from innovative conceptual frameworks into other contemporary types of social research. Recent research has taken efforts to prevent the repetition of studies. It is advisable to avoid conducting research on related topics. Furthermore, it is advisable to conduct thorough study prior to determining the criteria for subject selection and to develop a suitable title based on the findings. Consequently, the title and the main topic of the content should be interconnected. (France, 2019) Social theories and literature evolve over time and are either embraced or rejected by particular individuals. Nevertheless, theories are utilized inside the academic context. Sheikh Azizudin Nasafi and Ibn Arabi each have their own distinct ideas about the ideal human. Furthermore, there exist hypotheses that have engendered extensive discourse among scholars globally, such as Platonic idealism and the notion of the dream city in Plato's Republic, among numerous others. There are individuals who have embraced these concepts, others who have attempted to embrace them and some who have outright rejected them. Through conducting research grounded in these theories, we can determine the boundaries of titles. In Pashto, the phrase "the theory of perfect humans" is problematic due to the existence of multiple theories regarding ideal humans. Therefore, it is imperative to have a precise understanding of the theory you are discussing. We will discuss numerous such examples at a later point. In addition to focusing on a particular field, exploring different scientific disciplines provides a foundation for understanding alternative hypotheses and selecting the most appropriate subject for inquiry. Shakespeare's plays have been extensively studied and analyzed through several books and articles, each distinguished by the application of different theoretical frameworks. Maulana's poetry has garnered significant attention in Persian and Dari literature, resulting in numerous publications and articles with varying titles. The primary reason is

that concepts have served as the foundation for several scientific endeavors. A multitude of writings has been created to highlight the unique and exceptional contributions of thinkers such as Imam Ghazali, Imam Razi, Ibn Khaldun, Hafiz, Firdausi, and other others. The aforementioned factor may be the cause.

If sources are not mentioned both inside the text and at the end of the study, the research endeavor is considered insufficient and does not meet the criteria of a well-executed research report. These research projects do not meet the criteria for being classified as research. In order to do research using concepts, it is important for an individual to possess and attain information pertaining to the selected subject area. Once he had comprehended and fully assimilated the concept, he could commence his studies. We lack the ability to enforce and implement an idea in a specific situation. When selecting an idea for a certain context, it is crucial that the concept fulfills the needs and that there is alignment between the context and the idea. Moreover, establishing a strong correlation between the thoughts and the circumstances is of utmost importance. Conducting research on a topic only based on one study is impractical. Only one research study can be selected when there is a clear correlation between the author's perspective, the circumstances, and the topics being addressed. We can concentrate on a specific literary theory and examine it, such as employing the Realism theory to analyze Gul Pacha Ulfat's poems. (Zarin, 1394). An alternative approach is to concentrate on a certain field of study, such as examining Khushal Khan's poetry through the lens of Aristotle's Ethics. During the process of conducting literary study, the main focus is primarily on philosophical matters. We can select a study topic that focuses on concepts related to educational challenges that occur between different educational systems. Conducting research focused on certain themes is crucial for defining the boundaries of a topic and avoiding the inclusion of broader discussions. Consequently, selecting themes for further exploration is a significant undertaking. In order to distinguish a new project from previous ones and avoid redundancy, it is crucial to focus on generating novel ideas and revisiting a certain individual or subject matter. If we do research using conceptual frameworks, we can differentiate the titles of each work, the titles of the contexts, and the substance of the contexts from past research efforts. Individuals globally devote significant effort to minimizing redundancy and broadening the scope of research initiatives. A multitude of scholarly inquiries can be pursued by focusing specifically on Khushal's literary works, analyzed through the lens of literary theories. However, excluding conceptual analysis from our study would likely result in numerous issues (Osmani & Hotak, 2023).

## Exploring the realm of research

Research is done in an organized, methodical, and scientific manner. To put it simply, seeing every circumstance via a scientific lens is both required and inevitable (Freedman, 1960). According to Kerlinger, scientific inquiry consists of a methodical, controlled, empirical, and critical examination of theoretical theories relating to the hypothesized links between natural events. Thorough, scientific research methods are required to produce the best outcomes. The results are extremely substantial and specialized due to the use of strictly scientific research methodologies. A topnotch research topic should include the following qualities: Studies ought to clarify the relationship between two or more variables. 2.

Research needs to be clear-cut and exact. 3. In order to carry out informative research, verifiability of the study is necessary. 4. The study challenge shouldn't center on a moral, spiritual, or metaphysical dilemma. Research is essential from a theoretical and practical standpoint. The goal of research should be to increase knowledge. When selecting a study topic, the interests and background of the investigator must be taken into account. 8. Research should be done with less risk, for less money, and more swiftly. (Kerlinger, 2004) Research findings shouldn't be in opposition to moral or religious convictions. Preliminary investigations and research should be closely related, as should theoretical frameworks.

#### Conclusion

A meticulously selected title is a distinguishing characteristic of an exceptional scientific research piece. The process of choosing a research title provides the study with a clear focus and allows for a more focused and conclusive outcome. Hence, it can be asserted that selecting an appropriate title showcases meticulous investigation and leads to a more robust conclusion. Research suggests that the most effective headline titles should establish a connection with important terms and clearly indicate intellectual, temporal, and physical constraints. If research titles are picked based on concepts, a substantial number of research papers on a specific issue would be generated. The approach would be evident, and each subject would be interrelated, facilitating the exploration of novel material. Research is fundamentally centered around selecting titles that draw from psychological theories, intereducational concepts, and literary theories. Several noteworthy research articles written in Pashto are worth studying. However, it may be contended that conducting effective research necessitates a carefully constructed title, and selecting a captivating title is the initial stage in reaching a solid conclusion.

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