

(1) RESEARCH STUDY

Scoring scale 0 = no evidence 1 = little evidence or major flaws 2 = adequate minimum standards 3 = Research well done, few minor omissions, met standards 4 = Research well done, exceeded minimum standards	(a) Weightage (%)	(b) Score (0-4)	(a)x(b)/ 4 Total	Comments
1. Chapter 1 - Introduction Background of the study Problem or need – problem statement and research gap stated clearly; explains causes or events leading to problem or need Research questions, research objectives – stated clearly; appropriate in number Research Significance Research Scope Definitions – defines important terms	15			
2. Chapter 2 – Literature Review Discusses prior studies relevant to the topic Provides current/ update empirical studies in the literature Arguments is well-written, synthesized and evaluated Hypotheses/ propositions are well developed – based on the identified research gaps (if required) Conceptual framework of the research	20			
3. Chapter 3 – Research Methodology Method has a clear research design Choice of method is consistent with research questions/research objectives Instrument design is well developed Provides appropriate sampling design Data collection is clearly explained Analysis techniques are clearly explained	15			
4. Chapter 4 – Data Analysis Consistent with methodology section Well-organized & well-interpreted Analysis is supported with evidences Tables/chart/graphs/diagrams are provided in accordance with the analysis	15			
5. Chapter 5 – Discussion of Finding & Conclusions Discussion provides explanations to research questions/ research objectives Discussion has clearly linked the current study with past literatures The study generates implications to managerial practice and theory Suggestions are made for future studies	15			
6. Writing Continuity/ transitions – includes continuity between topics; includes transitions from topic to topic Sentences – includes complete sentences; uses parallel construction; uses subject-verb agreement Writing mechanics – less than 5 errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation List of Reference	10			
7. Adherence to the Norm Similarity index is maximum 20% On time submission – examiner's copy and office copies are submitted on due time	10			
Total	100			