

The Second Term English Language for Research and Thesis Writing Final Exam

Exercise 1: Read the text below and choose the right answer. (5 points)

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Identifying research gaps is the most important objective of the literature review. Research gaps may appear when certain variables, countries, periods, or methodologies have been ignored in previous studies. In Economics, Accounting, and Finance, gaps can also emerge from conflicting findings or limited empirical evidence in developing countries. Therefore, a well-written literature review allows master's students to justify their research problem and demonstrate the originality and significance of their study.

1. What is the primary purpose of a literature review in Economics, Accounting, and Finance?

- A. To translate academic articles into simple language
- B. To summarize only recent studies without analysis
- C. To understand previous studies and identify research gaps
- D. To collect statistical data for surveys

2. Which of the following is considered an important source for academic research according to the text?

- A. Social media platforms
- B. Google Scholar
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3. According to the text, how should students organize the literature they collect?

- A. By using only alphabetical order
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4. What does a strong literature review mainly require from the researcher?

- A. Memorizing definitions from textbooks
- B. Listing references without explanation

- C. Critically comparing and evaluating studies
- D. Avoiding discussion of conflicting findings

5. Which of the following is an example of a research gap mentioned in the text?

- A. Ignored variables or limited studies on developing countries
- B. The use of too many tables in research papers
- C. Writing research in different languages
- D. Including too many references in the bibliography

Exercise 2: True or False (5 points)

- A literature review is only a summary of previous studies.
True / False
- Identifying research gaps is one of the main objectives of a literature review.
True / False
- Google Scholar is mentioned in the text as a useful academic database.
True / False
- Students should organize the literature randomly to avoid bias.
True / False
- A strong literature review includes analysis and evaluation of previous studies.
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- The text states that only old publications should be used in a literature review.
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- Conflicting findings between studies can help researchers identify research gaps.
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- Literature reviews are unnecessary in Economics, Accounting, and Finance research.
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Exercise 3: (2.5 points) Reorder the following sentences to form a logical methodology for writing the introduction of a master's thesis.

- A. The researcher presents the objectives and research questions of the study.
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Introduction – Literature Review – Methodology – Results – Conclusion

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Section: _____
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