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STRUCTURE OF WRITING A RESEARCH PAPER

- ❖ Selection of research topic
- ❖ DATA Collection
- ❖ Review of literature
- ❖ Problem of research
- ❖ Aim and objective of Research
- ❖ Research paper outline format
- ❖ Research methodology
- ❖ Documentation
- ❖ Analysis of research
- ❖ Research outcome

SELECTION OF RESEARCH TOPIC

The features of a good research papers are as follow:

- ❖ Area of Interest
- ❖ Research Challenges
- ❖ Determination
- ❖ Dedication
- ❖ Scientific Approach

DATA COLLECTION

The followings are essential points to write an outline of the research papers:

- ❖ Background information of research
- ❖ Specialised area of research
- ❖ Resources

SOURCES OF DATA COLLECTION

- ❖ University library
- ❖ Public library
- ❖ E-library- such as:

OPAC- Online Public Access Catalogue

IPL- International Public Library

LC – Library of Congress- some links where information can be searched-

<https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=ramayana>

<https://www.loc.gov/photos/?q=ramayana>

<https://www.loc.gov/item/32009288/>

<https://blogs.loc.gov/international-collections/2018/01/sanskrit-manuscripts-in-the-south-asian-rare-books-collection/>

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❖ E- resources for DATA collection

❖ exoticindiaart.com

❖ Archive

❖ Digital Hindu library

❖ Corporate and government websites

❖ Survey and field work

❖ Other: Experts views on e-platforms



REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The importance of the literature review in a research paper is to highlight the problems lies in existing researches. In this way, it makes clarity of the specific research questions. Review of literature analyse the following points are:

- ❖ Analysis of existing researches
- ❖ Comparative Study of existing research
- ❖ Identifying research problems
- ❖ Scope of exploration

PROBLEMS OF RESEARCH

- ❖ Review of literature makes a researcher to identify research problems and to put questions
- ❖ The research questions should be specific in scope and timeframe.
- ❖ A questions should be, Qualitative and mixed- Quantitative, Qualitative

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- ❖ A good research paper states its aim and objectives clearly in the very beginning of the research based on Hypothesis
- ❖ Objective offers an innovative expectation
- ❖ Arguments in aims and Objective revolve around the centre of the research
- ❖ Objective aims to provide an scope to the research

RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE FORMAT

The important structures of the research paper outline are as follow

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Issues
- ❖ Literature review
- ❖ Method
- ❖ Analysis
- ❖ Outcome and scopes
- ❖ Bibliography

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- A scientific research is conducted within the frame work of applicable methodology such as:
 - ❖ Analytical,
 - ❖ Descriptive,
 - ❖ experimented etc.

DOCUMENTATION

- ❖ Research papers follow standard norms of documentation
- ❖ References, footnotes, bibliography and formatting of content must follow MLA's Styles or other identified standard format.

RESEARCH OUTCOME

- ❖ Analysis
- ❖ Outcome
- ❖ Scope of research
- ❖ Conclusion



THANK YOU