



## Preparation of Research Proposals

The following questions are designed to help you focus on specific issues you need to address in your research proposal. Questions 1-5 are essential and need to be addressed in your proposal, although they do not necessarily need to be answered separately. These questions should act as prompts to aid you in your preparation. The relevance of Questions 6-8 will depend on the sort of thesis you are proposing.

- 1. PROPOSED TOPIC:** I am very interested in...
- 2. OBJECTIVES:** My broad objectives in conducting this research are...
- 3. SIGNIFICANCE OF TOPIC:** This subject is worthy of research because...
- 4. CURRENT KNOWLEDGE/THEORIES:** Currently, the law on this subject is...  
Recent contributions to this subject include... The existing writing on this subject shows...
- 5. RESEARCH QUESTIONS:** More specifically, the questions which I would like my study to address/answer/shed light on are...
- 6. RELEVANT INFORMATION:** In order to address these questions, and in the light of my broad objectives, I need to collect and analyze the following information/data...
- 7. RESEARCH METHODS:** The ways in which I could obtain these data are as follows...
- 8. DATA COLLECTION:** The most appropriate method(s) of collecting data, given my objectives, ability and resources is/are...