

SAMPLE VIVA-VOCE QUESTIONS

1. Now can you summarise it in 2 minutes?
2. Now summarise it in one sentence?
3. Can you explain your thesis to your grandmother?
4. What motivated you to pursue this research?
5. What are the main issues in this field?
6. What are the main challenges and debates in this subject area?
7. Which of those issues does your research tackle?
8. Why have you studied this research area? What was the point?
9. How is your work different to what is already published in the field?
10. What are the three most influential papers in your thesis and why?
11. What are the most recent developments in this area?
12. How does your work relate to [insert something relevant]?
13. How did your research question emerge?
14. How did your research focus change over time?
15. How did you define your thesis title?
16. What were the difficulties you faced during the research and how did it change your research question?
17. How is your thesis original?
18. What are you most proud of from this work and why?
19. Who are your closest competitors?
20. What do you know about the history of [insert something relevant]?