

SAMPLE VIVA VOCE QUESTIONS

1. What is the most important finding from your Ph.D work?
2. What was the motivation behind this research?
3. Who is your research relevant to?
4. Which aspects of your work are you publishing? Follow on: and where?
5. What future work would you recommend?
6. What are the limitations of your research?
7. Which aspect of your work surprised you the most?
8. What are the potential applications of your PhD research?
9. Why did you do [things] a certain way?
10. What were the alternatives to [this certain method]?
11. Why did you test [that specific number] of samples?
12. What effect did you think changing [something in your method] would have?
13. What do you think you could have gained by using [another approach]?
14. Why did you not use [another technique]?
15. How did you deal with the ethical implications of your work?
16. Which papers would you say had the biggest impact on your work?
17. What do you think are the biggest differences between [these two previous studies]?
18. What have been the biggest advancements in the field over the last 10 years?
19. Why did you not reference [this other study]?
20. How does your work compliment the existing literature?
21. What do you think the next big advancements will be in the field?
22. What is this graphical figure illustrating?
23. Why was [this analytical technique] appropriate? Follow on: why did you use [this other technique]?

24. Which of your results do you find the most interesting?

25. How do you know that your findings are correct?

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