

## SAMPLE VIVA VOCE QUESTIONS

1. Can you summarize your thesis in just a few sentences? (or even in a single sentence)
2. What motivated you to undertake this research?
3. Who are the main researchers in this area?
4. What are the main ongoing debates or issues?
5. Why is your research in this area important?
6. Who will be interested in your research?
7. What do you recommend based on your findings?
8. What are the implications of what you have found to society in general?
9. What are the most important papers related to your own research and how is yours different?
10. What other developments have been made in your field recently?
11. Why did you select the research methodology that you used?
12. In hindsight should you have used a different methodology? (Beware they may be looking for you to dig a hole for yourself to invalidate your conclusions and analysis.)
13. Would you have discovered anything else if you had used a different approach?
14. What are the ethical implications of your work and how should they be dealt with?
15. How do you know that what you have found is right?
16. What is the weakest part of your work?
17. What would you suggest as future research and why?
18. If you could start over what would you have done differently? (Again don't dig a hole to fall into.)

19. What advice would you give to yourself if you could go back to the start of your research?

20. Do you intend to publish any of your research? If so, where?

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