Research Proposal Guidelines -- EDFS 635

You research proposal should contain the following sections:

I. INTRODUCTION
   A. Statement of the Problem
   B. Review of Related Literature
   C. Statement of the Hypothesis

II. METHODOLOGY
   A. Subjects
   B. Instrumentation
   C. Materials/Apparatus (if applicable)
   D. Design
   E. Procedures

III. DATA ANALYSIS

IV. TIME LINE (optional)

V. BUDGET (optional)

VI. SUMMARY

VII. REFERENCES (APA style)

VIII. APPENDICES (as needed)

INTRODUCTION (Statement of the Problem, Review of Related Literature & Statement of the Hypothesis)

1. Introduction is logically and clearly stated. ___________
2. Problem is clearly stated. ___________
3. Problem is significant. ___________
4. Relationship of the problem to previous research is made clear. ___________
5. Literature review is comprehensive. ___________
6. Sources for the literature review are current. ___________
7. Appropriate professional sources are used for the review. ___________
8. Sources for the literature review are properly cited in the text and references. ___________
9. Hypotheses are correctly and clearly stated. ___________
10. Important terms are clearly defined. ___________
11. Limitations of the study are clearly delineated. ___________

Total: /22

METHODOLOGY (Subjects, Instrumentation, Materials/Apparatus, Design, & Procedures)

12. Population and sample are clearly described. ___________
13. Sampling procedure is appropriate & clearly described. ___________________________ Points (2 pts. per item)

14. Instruments, materials, etc., are clearly described & examples provided in the appendices. ______________

15. Research design is described in detail. ______________

16. Research design is appropriate for the problem. ______________

17. Research design is relatively free from “weaknesses” (i.e., threats to validity). Potential threats to validity are clearly described. ______________

18. Procedures for data collection are clearly described. ______________

Total: /16

DATA ANALYSIS

20. Procedures for data analysis are clearly defined. ______________

21. Procedures for data analysis are appropriate for the problem under investigation. ______________

Total: /4

FORMAT/STYLE

22. Proposal is clearly written using an appropriate writing style. ______________

23. Proposal is logically organized. ______________

24. APA style is adhered to closely. ______________

25. Proposal was proofread and errors corrected. ______________

Total: /8
Total Points: ________________           Percentage: ________________

Additional Comments