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**TEMPLATE FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

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The primary objective of this document is to ensure that the department's dissertations adhere to commonly accepted standards and are presented in a conventional manner while also being useful to readers who may utilize them in their research. However, this guide does not provide extensive information on how to conduct research or write a dissertation.

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**NUMBERING OF PAGES**

* Each page in the manuscript, beginning with the title page, is assigned a number.
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ABSTRACT

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Keywords**:** 1; 2; 3; 4; 5

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION (Approximately 20 pages)

 Background of the study

 Statement of the problem

Purpose of the study

 Research Objectives

 Research Questions

 Research Hypothesis (For Quantitative)

 Methodology

Theoretical framework (For Quantitative)

Conceptual framework (For Quantitative)

Significance of the study

Limitations of the study

Definition of Terms

Summary

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW (Approximately 25-30 pages)

Possible Subsections (Introduce variables and their connections, highlight the gap and its significance).

CHAPTER 3: METHODOLOGY (Approximately 15-20 pages)

Introduction

Participants

Instrumentation

Reliability

Validity

Procedures

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Data Cleaning

Data Analysis

Summary

CHAPTER 4: FINDINGS (Approximately 10 pages for Quantitative or 30 pages Qualitative)

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CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION (Approximately 20-25 pages)

Provide and in depth, critical discussion of the findings, linking with the research question, theories that inform the studies and bring forth the significance of the findings.

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSIONS (Approximately 7-10 pages)

 Theoretical Implications (Approximately 2 pages)

 Practical Implications (Approximately 2 pages)

 Limitations of this study (Approximately 1-2 pages)

REFERENCES (Approximately 7-10 pages)

APPENDIX A:

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