

Suggested Format for Synopsis *

(i) Problems or issue: Identification and definition

Give a brief statement of the problem or issue explaining its importance and significance to the profession, industry or economy. While selecting the problem pose to yourself the following questions:

Is this the type of problem which can be efficiently solved through the process or research?

Do data exist on which the solution may be based?

Is the problem significant?

Is an important principle involved?

Would the solution make any difference as far as theory and practice are concerned? If not, are there significant problems which need to be investigated?

Is the problem a new one?

Is the answer available?

Is the problem feasible?

(ii) Objectives

State the purpose of the study giving the hypothesis to be tested or the specific questions to be answered,

(iii) Data Source, Collection, Organization & Analysis

The research needs data to test the hypothesis, and so the candidate should spell out the data to be used and the sources for that data. The sources of data can be primary or secondary. The primary data originates from the source, while the secondary sources are the reports originating out of some other work and the writer of the secondary source is not on the score of the event. The examples of secondary sources are the annual reports of companies, income and price data as reported in financial magazines. Data originating from field tests, interviews are the example of primary data. Data can also be obtained by executing questionnaire either by interviews or by mail.

(iv) Methodology

The synopsis should define all important terms, should give the assumptions in carrying out that study, illustrations and limitations of the study as viewed by the candidate.

(v) Chapter-wise plan of the Dissertation

A chapter-wise plan of the dissertation giving briefly the likely contents of each chapter should be presented in the synopsis.

* The format given is suggestive only.

