

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Introduction

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5.2 “Point from RQ1”

Para 1

- Reinstate the RQ1 – the points only
- Overall results
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 2

- Detailed result 1a
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 3

- Detailed result 1b
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 4

- Detailed result 1n
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Commented [EA7(1)]: SUMMARY: A brief recap of your key results:

Para 1 - 4:

- Reiterating your research problem (1 – 2 sentences)
- Concisely summarizing your major findings (2 – 4 para)

Para 5

- **Clear statement of the overall result that directly answers your main research question**
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 1. *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 2. *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
 3. *Considering possible alternative explanations and making an argument for your position*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**
 1. *Do your results support or challenge existing theories? If they support existing theories, what new information do they contribute? If they challenge existing theories, why do you think that is?*
 2. *Are there any practical implications?*
- **LIMITATIONS:**
 1. *Acknowledging limitations*
 2. *Limitations might be due to your overall research design, specific methodological choices, or unanticipated obstacles that emerged during your research process.*
- **RECOMMENDATIONS**
 1. *Make recommendations for practical implementation or further research.*
 2. *Suggestions for further research can lead directly from the limitations.*
 3. *Don't just state that more studies should be done—give concrete ideas for how future work can build on areas that your own research was unable to address.*

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- Clear statement of the overall result that directly answers your main research question. This should be no more than one paragraph

5.3 “Point from RQ2”

Para 1

- Reinstatement of the RQ2 – the points only
- Overall results
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 2

- Detailed result 2a
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 3

- Detailed result 2b
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

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Para 1 - 4:

- Reiterating your research problem (1 – 2 sentences)
- Concisely summarizing your major findings (2 – 4 para)

Para 4

- Detailed result 2n
- **INTERPRETATIONS: What do your results mean?**
 - o *Contextualizing your findings within previous research and theory*
 - o *Explaining unexpected results and evaluating their significance*
- **IMPLICATIONS: Why do your results matter?**

Para 5

- **Clear statement of the overall result that directly answers your main research question**
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5.4 “Point from RQn”

- *Same as above -*

5.5 Research Conclusions (1.5 pages)

- *Summarizing the main points of your findings,*
- *Do something more thought-provoking.*
- *What new questions are raised by your investigation*
- *What other issues does your topic relate to or cast light on*
- *What are the consequences if the situation you have analyzed persists.*
- *The climax of your thesis.*

5.6 Limitations of the Research

- *Refer back to your limitations*

5.7 Implications of the Research

- ***Theoretical Implications*** - Contributions to theory and body and knowledge
- ***Methodological Implications*** - Practical contributions to research method, design etc.
- ***Implications to Educational Practice*** - Significant implication to students, instructors

5.8 Recommendations for Future Research

- *Refer back to your limitations*

5.9 Summary