

# Market Research Proposal

**Organisation:** Test Corp

**Industry:** Automotive

**Geography:** India

**Version:** V1

## Recommendation

The industry of automotive manufacturing within India presents a unique blend of challenges and opportunities for expansion. To evaluate the market opportunity and growth potential effectively, I recommend employing both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies through primary data collection that involves focus groups with key stakeholders in different regions of India to understand cultural nuances impacting vehicle preferences. Concurrently, a comprehensive analysis using secondary data from governmental sources like the Automotive Research & Development Centre (ARDC) for market size and growth projections is essential. Integrating these findings with Porter's Five Forces Analysis will provide insights into competitive intensity, while SWOT analysis can highlight internal strengths that could be leveraged to tap into unmet customer needs identified through the primary research phase. Additionally, scenario planning using Delphi method rounds involving experts in Indian automotive trends and policy forecasts would enhance strategic foresight concerning potential market shifts due to regulatory changes or economic factors. This multifaceted approach ensures a thorough understanding of both the demand drivers within India's diverse socio-economic landscape as well as industry dynamics, essential in crafting informed business decisions and tailored strategies for automotive growth potential realization.

## Proposal

### ## Executive Summary

Executive Summary - Market Research Proposal

At Test Corporation, we recognize the immense and growing demand for automobiles in India. The country's burgeoning economy coupled with urbanization has propelled car ownership at an unprecedented rate – a trend that is expected to continue well into the future (Census of India, 2018).

This market research proposal seeks to evaluate Test Corporation's opportunity and potential for growth within this dynamic landscape. Our approach will encompass data gathering through primary & secondary sources on relevant aspects like consumer behavior, competitors in play, regulatory environment as well as an analysis of macroeconomic indicators that can impact the sector (IIM-Bangalore Business School).

The study's focus areas are:

1. Understanding current market dynamics and potential growth avenues within each segment – premium, midsize & economy cars in both urban as well as rural India;
2. Examining consumer preferences regarding vehicle features such as fuel efficiency, safety standards and price points (Gfk Market Intelligence); and,
3. Evaluating the impact of governmental policies on automobile manufacturing and sales (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways).
4. Assessing potential challenges related to infrastructure development or socio-economic factors that may pose obstacles for Test Corporation in its expansion efforts within India's auto industry landscape.

Based upon our findings, this information will enable us formulate effective strategies and recommendations accordingly (Indian Economy & Society).

The market research report would include detailed profiles of prospective consumers across various age groups as well as diverse geographic locations in both rural and urban India. It further incorporates a SWOT analysis to identify Test Corporation's strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within the Indian automotive landscape based upon our findings along with strategic recommendations for entry into this vibrant market – taking all these factors together will give us an in-depth understanding of your organization's positioning vis-à-vis key competitors.

Our team's extensive experience and industry insights across different sectors make Test Corporation the ideal partner to guide you through India's automotive sector expansion while aligning with local preferences & market conditions, thus helping create an optimal path forward for your business growth in this promising arena.

### ## Research Objectives

Objective(s) of the Study:

1. To assess and compare the cognitive functioning in older adults across three different age groups (60-74, 75-89, over 90). This will involve using standardized tests to evaluate memory, attention, problem-solving skills, language abilities, and other relevant aspects of cognition.
2. To examine the impact of social engagement on aging individuals' mental health by measuring frequency of social interactions (e.g.,

family visits, community activities) alongside their self-reported life satisfaction levels using validated psychological scales like SF-36 or WHOQOL-BREF questionnaires.

3. To evaluate the effectiveness and safety profiles of various interventions aimed at improving cognitive function in elderly participants, including physical exercise programs (e.g., tai chi, yoga), brain training games/apps, dietary changes like increased omega-3 fatty acid intake, socialization enhancement activities such as group discussions or clubs, and pharmacological treatments if ethical approval is granted for testing medications known to impact cognitive function.

4. To investigate the relationship between physical activity levels during midlife (e.g., frequency of walking a mile per day) and functional aging by correlating these activities with later-life mobility, balance tests like the Timed Up & Go test or TUGTGYM assessments for gait speed, and muscle strength measurements using handheld dynamometers at different follow-up intervals.

5. To explore how midlife life events (e.g., personal losses, changes in socioeconomic status) may influence an individual's experience of functional aging by conducting qualitative interviews and analyzing these narratives for recurring themes that could have had long-term implications on their physical or cognitive health trajectories using grounded theory methodology.

6. To identify genetic markers, if any, that may predict better functional outcomes in aging by conducting a genomic study wherein DNA samples from the subjects are analyzed for common variants associated with longevity and resistance to age-related diseases (e.g., APOE alleles).

7. To longitudinally assess changes over time within individuals regarding their cognitive abilities, physical functioning including gait speed tests like GAITRite pressure pad analysis for temporal and spatial parameters of walking patterns or the step test by Drury et al., in an attempt to understand intergenerational differences that may exist due to varying environmental exposures (e.g., pollution levels), lifestyle factors, dietary habits across family lineages using a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative measures with comprehensive life history questionnaires and qualitative analysis of generational narratives through thematic coding.

8. To provide recommendations for interventions or policies aimed at promoting healthy aging based on findings, including the development of targeted physical exercise programs that could be integrated into community centers to facilitate social engagement among older adults and educational seminars about lifestyle choices conducive to better functional outcomes in later life.

9. To disseminate research findings through publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at international conferences on gerontology or public health, workshops for community leaders interested in implementing age-friendly practices within communities and policy briefs directed to local governments focusing on infrastructure changes that promote safe physical activity environments.

10. To foster a sustainable research environment by encouraging graduate students from relevant disciplines (e.g., psychology, sociology, public health) at the university or institution where this study is being conducted to participate in data collection and analysis as part of their academic experience, ensuring an investment into future expertise within these fields directly related to aging studies.

## ## Methodology

To investigate the effectiveness of different teaching methods in elementary schools on students' math skills development over one academic year, I propose to use a mixed-methods approach that combines quantitative and qualitative research techniques for comprehensive understanding:

1) Approach - Mixed Methods Research Design. This methodology will provide both statistical data (quantitative aspect) showing the impact on students' math scores as well as in-depth insights into student experiences with different teaching methods through interviews or focus groups (qualitative aspect).

2) Data Collection Method: The study would be conducted across multiple elementary schools using standardized tests to gauge mathematical proficiency before and after implementation of various learning techniques. Additionally, qualitative data will be collected via semi-structured interviews with teachers who are experienced in these teaching methods as well as through focus group discussions involving students from each school participating in the study.

3) Rationale - This mixed method approach allows for a holistic understanding of not just how effective different learning techniques improve math skills but also why they work and their perceived impact on student engagement, motivation, etc., by capturing detailed information through interviews or focus groups with teachers and students which quantitative data may overlook. Furthermore, using standardized tests ensures that the study results are backed up with objective numerical evidence of improvement in math skills across different teaching methods used throughout this academic year.

## ## Sample & Coverage

The term 'target audience' refers to a specific group of consumers within the broader market that a product or service is aimed at reaching with its message. This can be defined by various demographics such as age, gender, income level, education, occupation, lifestyle interests and more. Understanding who this target audience is helps marketers to tailor their messages in ways that will resonate best with them for effective engagement.

Sample size logic pertains to the number of individuals or entities from a larger group chosen to participate as study subjects or survey respondents, which provides data representative enough to make valid inferences about population trends and preferences regarding certain issues like political opinions or product likes/dislikes without surveying every single individual. A proper sample size is statistically significant but also practical in terms of time and resources required for the research process.

Geographic coverage refers to how far-reaching a particular aspect, such as market presence or data collection efforts are across different regions - this could be nationally through all states within a country or globally by reaching various countries around the world. Adequate geographic scope ensures that results and strategies can appropriately reflect regional differences in preferences and behaviors for more

accurate analysis and decision-making processes, especially when tailoring marketing approaches to diverse areas with potentially distinct cultural nuances.

## ## Timeline

A Realistic Project Timeline for the Development of an Educational Mobile Application:

**Phase 1 – Idea and Conceptualization (Weeks 1-2)**  
Duration: Two weeks  
Objective: Define project scope, target audience, features list.  
Tasks Include: Market research, user interviews, brainstorming sessions with educators/developers.  
Deliverables: Project proposal document outlining goals and requirements; a detailed conceptual design for the mobile application's purpose.

**Phase 2 – Planning (Weeks 3-4)**  
Duration: Two weeks  
Objective: Develop project plan, assign roles & resources.  
Tasks Include: Create Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), develop Gantt chart and timeline; identify key deliverables for each phase of the application development.  
Deliverables: Detailed work breakdown structure document with assigned responsibilities, completed project plan including detailed schedule from start to finish.

**Phase 3 – Design (Weeks 5-10)**  
Duration: Five weeks  
Objective: Develop user interface and experience design for app; ensure compatibility across devices/platforms.  
Tasks Include: Wireframing, prototyping feedback sessions with target users, iterative testing of designs.  
Deliverables: Finalized UI/UX designs ready for development phase commencement, including wireframes and prototype videos; User Experience (UX) report documenting design rationale based on user needs analysis.

**Phase 4 – Development (Weeks 11-30)**  
Duration: Twenty weeks  
Objective: Code the application according to specified requirements, create a minimum viable product for testing purposes if necessary.  
Tasks Include: Writing code based on designs, conducting daily standup meetings with development team; progress tracking and bug fixing as needed through bi-weekly sprints (Scrum methodology).  
Deliverables: Fully functional mobile application ready for alpha testing, a deliverable database of commits.

**Phase 5 – Testing & Quality Assurance (Weeks 31-32)**  
Duration: Two weeks  
Objective: Conduct thorough quality assurance tests to ensure the product meets all requirements and is free from bugs before release; fix any identified issues.  
Tasks Include: Alpha testing by a select group of users, bug triaging sessions with QA team members, reviewing test results and action plans for resolutions as needed based on findings.  
Deliverables: Test report document detailing outcomes from alpha tests; an updated application codebase free of critical issues identified during this testing phase.

**Phase 6 – Launch Preparation (Weeks 33-34)**  
Duration: Two weeks  
Objective: Plan and execute the launch strategy, prepare marketing materials for promotion post-launch; finalize app store optimization documentation if necessary.  
Tasks Include: Finalizing promotional plan with timelines for pre-launch campaigns like social media teasers or press releases; completing any remaining tasks on website update/prep before the launch.  
Deliverables: Marketing materials and content calendar ready to distribute, finalized app store optimization documentation if necessary, an executed Go-Live Plan document with a timeline of actions for application release day activities.

**Phase 7 – Launch (Week 35) & Post-Launch (Weeks 36 onward)**  
Duration: One week + continuous monitoring and updating post launch  
Objective: Release the mobile app into production, monitor user feedback for insights leading to iterative enhancements.  
Tasks Include: App Store submission process; setting up analytics tools like Google Analytics or Mixpanel on application servers if not done previously during development phase.  
Deliverables: Live-launched mobile application available in app stores and/or the website, initial user feedback reports to monitor performance post-release for potential updates & enhancements based on real usage patterns observed; continuing analytics reporting setup completed with live data streams set up as part of monitoring tools.

Note: The timeline is designed considering a team working full-time and assumes that all phases flow seamlessly into the next without any significant delays or major risks encountered beyond anticipated challenges (e.g., no critical third-party API unavailability). It also presumes an agile development approach with bi-weekly sprints for progress tracking within phase 4, aligning it closely to industry standards of app development timelines while providing flexibility in scope adjustments as needed throughout the project lifecycle.

## ## Deliverables

1. Project proposal with detailed objectives, scope and budget estimations (deliverable due by the end of this week).
2. Completed project plan including a Gantt chart showing task dependencies and timelines for each phase within two weeks from today's date.
3. Client briefing presentation on initial findings to be prepared in one month, with interactive components included (deliverable due by the mid-point of next month).
4. Draft report on market analysis tailored specifically to client needs and competitive advantage expected within three weeks from today's date for review before finalization deadline extended into two months' timeframe.
5. Updated project timeline incorporating any feedback received by the end of this fortnight, with a revised Gantt chart attached (deliverable due one week after receiving client input).