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***‘Changing Our Mind Sets in Changing Global Village’***

* Dissertation length to be between 6,000 to 8,000 word, preferably the lower limit made up as follows:
  + Abstract 150 words
  + Chapter 1 1,000 words
  + Chapter 2 1,000 words
  + Chapter 3 500 words
  + Chapter 4 2,500 words
  + Chapter 5 1,000 words
  + All others i.e. fore pages 350 words
  + Total 6,000 words
* Chapter content
  + Declaration
  + Dedication
  + Acknowledgements
  + Abstract
  + Table of contents
  + List of tables
  + List of figures
  + List of plates (if any)
  + List of acronyms
  + Chapter 1: Introduction to the study
    - 1.1 Background to the study
    - 1.2 Statement of the problem
    - 1.3 Objectives of the study split into: 1.3.1 The General Objective and 1.3.2 Specific Objectives
    - 1.4 Justification for the study
    - 1.5 Research questions
    - 1.6 Research hypothesis (if any)
    - 1.7 Conceptual/ theoretical framework
    - 1.8 Study site or description of study area
    - 1.9 Study limitations (if any)
    - 1.10 Structure of the study ( a description of what each chapter will entail)
  + Chapter 2: Literature review
    - 2.1 Global perspectives

2.2 Regional perspectives

2.3 National perspectives

* Chapter 3: Materials and methods or Research Methodology
  1. Introduction
  2. Research Design
  3. The population of the study
  4. Sample of the population
  5. Sampling techniques
  6. Research instruments
  7. Data analysis
  8. Ethical considerations
* Chapter 4: Research findings and discussion
  + 4.1 Research findings
  + 4.2 Discussion of research findings
* Chapter 5: Conclusion and recommendations
  + 5.1 Conclusions
  + 5.2 Recommendations
* References
* Appendices (if any)
* Font type, size and line spacing
  + Times New Roman 12
  + Line spacing 1.5
* Language: UK English
* Paragraph and sentence length
  + 6 sentences per paragraph by 15 words per sentence
* Referencing style

Harvard style

* Marking scheme
  + Introductory pages 10%
  + Literature review 15%
  + Methods and materials 20%
  + Findings, discussion 30%
  + Conclusions and recommendations 15%
  + Overall impression 10%
  + Total 100%

The layout of the cover page was adopted and Harvard style was to be used. The Title page to have the University logo at the top and in the centre there should be a name of the student followed by the supervisor’s name in the bottom left. Border lines should be put. Labeling of tables should be done with the heading at the top and figures at the bottom. Line spacing should be double. Page numbers should be at the bottom i.e. 1, 2, 3 etc.

The issue of 500 words for chapter one was revised to not more than 1000 words. It was also recommended that the writing styles (Harvard) be adopted in writing Assignments and Essays. Work should be justified to make it neat. Length should be 45 pages and also be guided by the word limit of 6000 – 8000.