

Ideation Phase

Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template

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Maximum Marks	4 Marks


Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template:

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount of creative solutions.

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Step-1: Team Gathering, Collaboration and Select the Problem Statement

Template



Brainstorm & idea prioritization

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⌚ 10 minutes to prepare
🕒 1 hour to collaborate
👥 2-5 people recommended

Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

⌚ 10 minutes

1

Team gathering

- Participants: Data analysts, economics students, a mentor/facilitator
- Invite shared in advance with project title and dataset I

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Set the goal

Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

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Learn how to use the facilitation tools

Google Sheets (for live idea capture), Miro or Mural (for mapping), and Google Meet/Zoom for collaboration.

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1

Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

⌚ 5 minutes

PROBLEM

"How might we evaluate and visualize economic freedom to better understand its influence on prosperity across countries?"

Key rules of brainstorming

To run a smooth and productive session

Stay in topic.

Defer judgment

Go for volume.

Encourage wild ideas.

Listen to others.

If possible, be visual.

Step-2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing and Grouping

2

Brainstorm

Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

10 minutes

TIP
You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing.

Person 1

Visualize
GDP vs
Freedom
Score

Person 2

Develop custom business models from scratch

Person 3

Generate using Power
Designer

Person 4

Compared with literary texts	Step into the shoes of a writer	
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Person 5

WESTERN
ECONOMY
THREATENED
BY
WILDER

3

Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you can break it up into smaller sub-groups.

⌚ 20 minutes

TIP Add customizable tags to sticky notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as

1. Data Visualization

- Visualize GDP vs Freedom Score
- Heatmaps of economic freedom by region

2. Statistical Analysis

- Correlate with literacy rate
- Analyze income inequality impact

3. Machine Learning & Prediction

- Cluster countries by continent
- Automate data pipeline

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Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

⌚ 20 minutes

TIP
Participants can use their cursors to point at where sacky robot should go on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the laser pointer holding the **H** key on the keyboard.

