| **English-105 : Sample Research Proposal**  **NOTE: This is a mock/pretend research proposal, intended to guide you as to the basic format, organization and type of content. DO NOT copy its wording- you can follow the general pattern here, but write in your own language about your own research topic.** |
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**Research Proposal: Near Death Experiences**

Date: July 7, 2016 **(change according to your submission date)**

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Subject: Proposal to do a research on the effects near death experiences have on people. **(change according to your topic)**

**INTRODUCTION *(introduces your topic and explains/ justifies its relevance or importance-at least 2 paragraphs/ 150 words)***

A near-death experience (NDE), refers to a broad range of personal experiences associated with impending death, encompassing multiple possible sensations including detachment from the body; feelings of levitation; extreme fear; total serenity, security, or warmth; the experience of absolute dissolution; and the presence of a light, which some people interpret as a deity (source: dictionary.com). **The focus of my research will be on how the experience changed the lives of survivors and what effect it had on them** (DO NOT bold in your research proposal but include this line based on your topic)

Bangladesh is a country where life expectancy is quite low and its citizens often go through life threatening incidents and many have actually come back from the mouth of death. I would like to know how such experiences affected them. I wonder if it made much difference or not; whether they found a new purpose, a new meaning in life; how their family members were affected. **I hope to find answers to such questions through my research work** (DO NOT bold in your research proposal but include this line based on your topic)

**RESEARCH QUESTIONS *(summarizes the general research areas, and lists at least 5 research questions relating to your topic and hypothesis that will be your focus in conducting your research-some of these will guide the design of your questionnaire)***

In my research I plan to investigate the impact NDEs have on people. My research will address the following research questions:

1. What was the particular incident when they had a NDE?
2. How did they make use of their second chance at life?
3. What changes did they make in their lifestyles?
4. What were their last thoughts when they were anticipating death?
5. What do they believe this incident to be: a miracle, an act of God, a testament to their ability to deal with disaster or just mere luck?

**HYPOTHESIS *(the assumption(s) underlying your research questions-the answer you expect to get : 100 words minimum*)**

A NDE can be both traumatizing and eye-opening. From my research, **I expect** to find that people are happy to have survived and they are making the most of their lives. Since most Bangladeshi people have religious sentiments, **I think** most of the survivors will attribute their comeback as a blessing from God. **It is expected** that their relationship with their family members will have improved as experiences such as these make people realize how important family is. **I also think** their last few thoughts will be about their family members. **I also expect** that people will try to do everything they always wanted to do but hesitated before a NDE.

(DO NOT bold in your research proposal but include these words/ phrases)

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY *(explains the methods you will use in conducting your research)***

For my *primary research*, I will conduct a survey of a representative sampling of the general public in Dhaka and interview people who actually have had NDEs and find out what significant changes took place in their lives after that incident. To that end I will design a questionnaire with different types of questions so as to get a range of useful data which will help me to answer my research questions.

For my *secondary research*, I plan to use the resources of the library and will also consult few books and autobiographies of people with NDEs, etc. I will also browse the internet and use standard search engines like Google.

Sources:

<http://listverse.com/2013/09/15/10-astonishing-near-death-experiences/>

<http://paranormal.about.com/od/lifeafterdeath/tp/near-death-exp.htm>

<http://www.iands.org/nde-stories/17-nde-accounts-from-beyond-the-light.html>

**ORGANIZATION *(explains the basic organization of your paper)***

My paper will be divided into several sections, the most important of which are the

Introduction, Background, Data Presentation and Analysis, and Summary of Findings.

Within the sections my organization will be based on my research questions.

**TIMETABLE *(gives an approximate timetable for completing different stages of the research project)***

I hope to complete my primary research by the end of March, and my secondary research by mid-April. I shall complete writing the final draft of my Research Paper by early May, and submit it by the specified deadline towards the end of this semester.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

I hereby request your approval for my research proposal. If you wish me to modify or improve my proposal, I will submit it after incorporating the necessary changes. I would also be grateful for your advice and help in conducting my research and completing the project.

**N.B. All headings must be bold, underlined and in uppercase**