Question

Why should we believe the research results?

The research and its findings have been reported in a way that allows judgements to be made about quality of the procedures and, in principle, checks to be made on the validity of the findings and the authenticity of research

Answer

ACCOUNTABILITY

Question

How can you prove you are right?

How can researchers prove that their explanations are better than dogma or common sense

Answer

PRECISION

Question

Is it of any significance?

The research is worthwhile because it makes contribution to the development of existing knowledge and/or addresses specific practical needs

Answer

RESOURCES

Question

What is the research trying to achieve?

What is it all about?

The purpose of the research is stated clear and explicitly in format appropriate for the style of investigation

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PURPOSE

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ETHICS

Question

Can the research ever really hope to be completely impartial and unbiased?

Aren't the findings inevitably biased by the researcher's prior attitudes and conceptions?

The research has been designed, conducted and reported in genuine spirit of exploration and the research explicitly acknowledges, as far as possible, the ways in which any vested interests, social values and aspects of the researcher's self-identity have had a bearing on the nature of the research

Answer

GROUND RULES FOR GOOD RESEARCH

Question

Have the rights and interests of those affected by the research been taken into consideration?

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Answer

GENERALIZATION

Question

How do we know that the findings from the specific piece of research can be applied to other comparable situation?

Either: the research is based on a sample of people, events or data that are representative of the wider population (generalizability)

Or: sufficient information is given about the characteristics of the sample or the cases used in the research for judgements to be made about the extent to which findings can be expected to apply more widely (transferability)

Or: the people, events or data included in the research have been chosen because of their particular characteristics and the belief that these characteristics will help to identify and explain significant factors related to other instances more generally (theory relevance)

Answer

ORIGINALITY

Question

Is the research feasible in terms of the available resources?

Will it be completed on time?

The scale and timing of investigation reflects the resources available for research and the opportunities for access to relevant data

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PROOF

Question

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Evidence has been provided to support the arguments put forward by the research. This evidence is suitably substantial and has been collected in a rigorous and systematic way

Answer

UEXPIRICITY

Question

Are the data sufficiently precise and detailed?

Do the data depict the 'reality' of situation?

The accuracy of the data has been checked using appropriate tests of validity

Answer

UACCURACY

Question

Will the research asked the right question?

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Answer

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RESEARCH

Question

What did the research find out that was not already known?

In the choice of topic, in the methods of investigation or in the analysis undertaken there is at least one element of originality and this has been explicitly identified

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