

**Instructional Module: *Becoming an Effective Dissertation Chair***  
**Final Exam**

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1. How often should a Chair talk with Committee Member/s?
  - a. Once a week
  - b. Twice a week
  - c. As the situations arise
  - d. Only when requested
  
2. An ethnographic study would be what Research Design?
  - a. Qualitative
  - b. Quantitative
  - c. Mixed methods
  
3. Which of the following does APA suggest regarding the 'use of passive voice?'
  - a. Avoid the use of passive voice in dissertations.
  - b. Passive voice is preferred in dissertations.
  - c. Passive voice is acceptable if you want to focus on the recipient of the action.
  - d. The survey was conducted in a controlled setting.
  
4. Mixed methods design should be discouraged to incoming doctoral students?
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. If a doctoral candidate asks you for a recommendation of research design for investigating why parents choose charter schools over public schools, what design would you likely recommend?
  - a. Qualitative
  - b. Quantitative
  - c. Mixed methods
  
6. When listing several citations within parentheses in the text, how should they be listed according to APA?
  - a. Chronologically
  - b. Most recent first
  - c. Alphabetically
  - d. Researcher's Choice
  
7. Affect vs Effect - which sentence is correct:
  - a. What is the affect of this teaching strategy?
  - b. Does it effect learning?
  - c. Could we use this teaching strategy to positively affect cognition?

8. Which is a true statement regarding the word 'data'?
  - a. The word data can be either plural or singular depending on the sentence.
  - b. Data is singular and datum are plural.
  - c. Data are plural and datum is singular.
  - d. This depends on whether a qualitative or quantitative study.
  
9. Which group of words are considered 'filler words' and should be avoided since they add no meaning to the sentence?
  - a. research, studies, analyses
  - b. thus, therefore, however
  - c. researcher, author, reader
  
10. Is this sentence correctly written: "The study will close the gap in the literature."
  - a. No, author of the study is not indicated.
  - b. Yes, as written.
  - c. No, since a study rarely closes any existing gap completely.
  
11. One of your docs wants to study principal behaviors and is suggesting the use of a Likert scale survey. What research method would you suggest?
  - a. Qualitative
  - b. Mixed methods
  - c. Quantitative
  - d. Other
  
12. Who is responsible for selecting a dissertation committee?
  - a. Doc student
  - b. Chair
  - c. Chair and Doc student
  - d. Department
  
13. In which research method would a student test hypotheses stemming from theories?
  - a. Quantitative
  - b. Qualitative
  
14. Would it be appropriate for one of your doc students to suggest a study conducted and written by two docs?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
15. What is the term describing the strategy of creating a survey and sending by email asking for each respondent to forward on to others?
  - a. Chain Effect
  - b. Snow balling
  - c. Forwarding
  - d. Not appropriate

16. The Creswells suggest what size for sample size of a grounded theory study?
  - a. 10-15
  - b. 20-30
  - c. 5-10
  
17. Which method would you suggest to a doc student for testing the validity and reliability of a self-constructed survey before use?
  - a. Literature support
  - b. Computer software
  - c. Panel of Experts
  - d. No need to check validity if qualitative
  
18. Which is the purpose of the Institutional Review Board (IRB)?
  - a. To make certain Proposal is APA style
  - b. Protection of human subjects
  - c. Proposal is either Qualitative or Quantitative
  - d. Specific number of research questions
  - e. All of the above
  
19. Which chapter/s of the dissertation usually includes Implications for Leadership?
  - a. Chapter 1
  - b. Chapter 2
  - c. Chapter 3
  - d. Chapter 4
  - e. Chapter 5
  - f. All chapters
  
20. In Week 1, we reviewed a survey of "Voices from the Field." What was one recurring theme/response?