

HOW TO EXCEL IN VIVA- VOCE

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Inspirational Quote

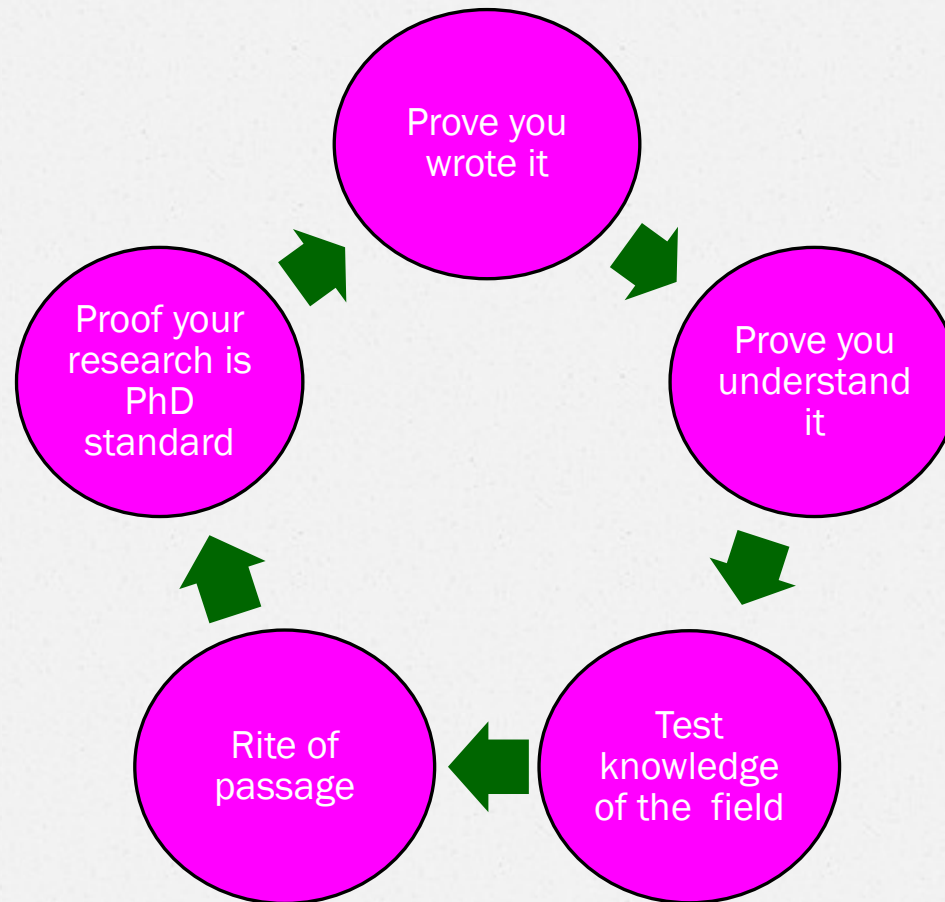


Tough times
never last,
but tough
people do.
- Dr. Robert Schuller

Viva Voce: Ending of Your PhD Journey



Why Have A Viva?



Viva-Voce Preparation

✓ You should:

- ❖ Re-familiarise yourself with your thesis.
- ❖ Predict and practice answering possible questions.

Proofs that Examiners Look For

- ✓ Originality
- ✓ Worthy of publication
- ✓ Good knowledge of the literature
- ✓ Critical judgment
- ✓ Unified body of work
- ✓ Satisfactory literary presentation

Day of Viva



Dressing



Viva-Voce Process



General Guideline to Decision Making after Viva-Voce

- ❖ At the end of the viva-voce, recommendation would be a **PASS** when the examiners agree that:
 - ✓ Sufficient work is done for the level of degree submitted.
 - ✓ Minor corrections (e.g. change of title, editing, reformatting of tables, some explanation of certain parts of the thesis).
 - ✓ Statistical analyses are correct.
 - ✓ No new data are required.
 - ✓ Conclusions of thesis will not change when the parts are rewritten.

General Guideline to Decision Making after Viva-Voce (Cont.)

- ❖ At the end of the viva-voce, recommendation would be a resubmission and **REVIVA** when the examiners agree that:
 - ✓ Insufficient work is done for the level of degree submitted.
 - ✓ Thesis has major weaknesses that affect the conclusions which can be rectified with additional work **within 1 year** (e.g. requires a major expansion of the literature review, additional statistical analyses/experiments, rewriting of the thesis).

General Guideline to Decision Making after Viva-Voce (Cont.)

- ✓ Panel can only decide if the candidate has **PASSED** or **FAILED** only after the thesis has been re-examined by all examiners involved in the first examination cycle and a second viva-voce has been carried out .

After the Viva





Thank You