HAR6030 Research Methods Marking - DRAFT 22/23

Total mark	Weighting	0-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-100
Summary		This assignment is a fail.	This assignment does not	This is a reasonable	This is a very good	Excellent and
comments			meet the pass criteria.	research proposal.	research proposal,	original research
		You do not need to re-write			well thought	proposal supported
		the whole assignment. The	To achieve a higher	In order to reach a	through subject and	with a clear
		sections where you have	grade, please address the	merit mark (60+)	method(s).	understanding of
		done well are	points highlighted in your	there are some key		the subject and
			feedback. You do not	areas where you		method(s) selected.
		To achieve a higher grade,	need to re-write the	could improve	Well structured	
		you will need to make	whole assignment. The	detailed below	research proposal	Considerable and
		changes to the	sections where you have		In order to reach a	effective use of
			done well are		distinction level	literature, beyond
		Restructure your assignment			(70+) mark you need	that supplied as
		using the subheadings	To achieve a higher	This proposal	to	taught material.
		outlined in the assignment	grade, you will need to	included a lot of		
		brief.	make changes to the	important	Please see the	Excellent structure.
				information but	summary comments	In order to extend
		To improve, check your	We suggest that you	could have been	below on each	your mark further
		current content against the	restructure your	improved if there	section of the	you would need to
		marking criteria and consider	assignment using the	was more structure	assignment as well	
		what explicitly maps to each	headings outlined in the	through the use of	as the in text	
		section. As a rough rule,	assignment brief. To	subheadings.	comments for more	Please see the
		divide your word count	improve, check your		specific feedback	summary
		between these sections after	current content against	To improve, check	and development	comments below
		allowing for a brief	the marking criteria and	your current	points.	on each section of
		introduction and conclusion	consider what explicitly	content against the		the assignment as
			maps to each section	marking criteria and		well as the in text
		Please see the summary		consider what		comments for more
		comments below on each		explicitly maps to		specific feedback
		section of the assignment as	Please see the summary	each section		and development
		well as the in text comments	comments below on each			points.

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		for more specific feedback	section of the assignment	outlined in the		
		and development points.	as well as the in text	assignment brief.		
			comments for more			
			specific feedback and	Please see the		
			development points.	summary comments		
				below on each		
				section of the		
				assignment as well		
				as the in text		
				comments for more		
				specific feedback		
				and development		
				points.		
Academic writing		Some parts of your	Some parts of your	Some parts of your	Your academic	Your academic
(optional		assignment were difficult to	proposal were difficult to	assignment were	writing was at a	writing was at an
comments)		read and would benefit from	read and would benefit	difficult to read and	good standard	excellent standard
		further support to improve	from further support to	would benefit from	throughout this	throughout this
		your English language writing	improve your English	further support to	assignment - well	assignment - well
		skills. Please contact your	language writing skills.	improve your	done.	done.
		personal tutor to discuss	Please contact your	English language		
		options such as attending the	personal tutor to discuss	writing skills. Please		
		department Language	options such as attending	contact your		
		programme or 301	the department	personal tutor to		
		workshops.	Language programme or	discuss options such		
		· ·	301 workshops.	as attending the		
				department		
				Language		
				programme or 301		
				workshops.		
		Your title is unclear and does	Your title is unclear and	Your title	You have a good title	You have a clear
Introduction &	25%	not accurately summarise	does not fully summarise	reasonably	which accurately	and concise title
Background/		your research project and	your research project	attempts to	summarises your	which very
Research		does not include your	your rescuren project	summarise your	research project as	accurately
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question /	proposed research	topic or your proposed	research project	well as your	summarises your
Aims and	method(s).	method(s).	and your proposed	proposed	research project as
objectives:			research method(s).	method(s).	well as your
		You have provided some			proposed
	Your literature review is very	interesting points in your	Your literature	Your literature	method(s).
	weak. It is unclear what the	introduction but it is	review provides	review is	
	main problem is and what the	unclear from the end of	good general	comprehensive and	You provide a clear
	gap in literature is that your	this section, what the	context to the	provides good	introduction that
	research intends to fill.	problem is, what the gap	issues. Your mark	context to the	introduces your
		in literature is or what	would have been	issues. Overall, you	topic well and
	You have provided some	population is of interest.	higher if you had	have used a good	you've shown
	interesting points but you	Very limited critical	critically appraised	range of literature to	excellent use of
	have not supported them	appraisal skills have been	the literature more.	support your	appropriate and
	with any evidence. No critical	demonstrated. You have		arguments. Some	varied range of
	appraisal skills have been	included a very limited	You have provided a	good critical	literature to suppor
	demonstrated. Very limited	range of literature to	clearly defined	appraisal skills of the	your arguments
	range of literature has been	support your choice of	research question	included literature is	with excellent
	included.	research area.	although this would	evident	critical appraisal
			have been improved		throughout
	The research question you		by	You have provided a	
	present would have been	The research question		clearly defined	Your literature
	improved by	you present would have	Your research aims	research question.	review is
		been improved by	and objectives are		comprehensive and
	Your aims and objectives		clear, but to get a	Your research aims	provides good
	could have been improved	Your aims and objectives	higher mark you	and objectives are	context to the
	by	could have been	could	clear.	issues.
		improved by			
	Your aim is what you hope to				You present a
	achieve by the end of your	Your aim is what you		To improve this	clearly defined
	project and the objectives are	hope to achieve by the		section	research question
	the research activities that	end of your project and			with appropriate
	will be undertaken in order to	the objectives are the			research aims and
		research activities that			objectives.

I I	complete the research and achieve the study aims.	will be undertaken in order to complete the research and achieve the study aims.			To improve this section
justification of research design/methodol ogy.	fou have included little information and theory to instify your research inproach and your selected research design and failed to idemonstrate an inderstanding of why your relected research design is inpropriate to explore this research question To improve this section	You have started to demonstrate some understanding of research design by describing some theory, however you have not applied this theory to your research area. You have not provided sufficient justification as to why your research question is best explored using this methodology. To improve this section	You have demonstrated an adequate understanding of your selected research approach and study design, this could have been improved by including more theory to support/evidence this choice. You could further develop this section by applying this theory to your research question. 'Why is the methodology you are suggesting appropriate for answering your specific research question?. '	You demonstrate a clear understanding of your selected research approach and study design which is well referenced and underpinned with key theory from the course materials. You have made a good attempt to relate this theory to your research question to justify why your design and method selected are best suited to explore your research question. To improve this section more detail is needed	You demonstrate an excellent and thorough understanding of your selected research approach and study design and have provided a clear justification for its use. You have shown excellent use of appropriate theory, beyond the supplied course materials, to theoretically underpin and justify your choice of research design for your specific research question To improve this section

Plan of investigation (sampling strategy; Procedure including recruitment; specific methods used; proposed measures, approaches to analysis)	25%	Your plan of investigation is very weak. You have not included a Sampling strategy/Recruitment plan/Data collection plan/Analysis plan. For this assignment you need to consider the Sampling strategy/Recruitment plan/Data collection plan/Analysis plan. You should be including key references to help justify your choices (e.g. in the use of particular outcome measures or methods of analysis).	Your plan of investigation is weak and in places difficult to follow what you intend to do. Such as You could have provided more information about the (quantitative or qualitative) data such as Your plan of investigation needs to be clearer. You should be including any key references required to help justify your choices (e.g. in the use of particular outcome measures or methods of analysis).	You have made a good attempt describing your plan of investigation You could have provided more information about the such as To improve this section	Your plan of investigation is well written and follows a logical path. You could have provided more information about the such as To improve this section	You have provided a detailed description for the plan of your investigation. Well done. To improve this section
Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)	5%	To improve this section You have not described or justified how your proposed research will actively involve patients and the public (e.g. service users and carers) in the design/plan where appropriate, and how including PPI will benefit your research. Where no PPI is	To improve this section You have not fully described, or justified, how your proposed research will actively involve patients and the public (e.g. service users and carers) in the design/plan where appropriate, and how	You have reasonably described how your proposed research will actively involve PPI in the design/plan where appropriate, with some justification included.	You have described well how your proposed research will actively involve PPI in the design/plan where appropriate, with some good	You have included an excellent description and justification of how your proposed research will actively involve PPI in the design/plan where appropriate

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		proposed, a rationale for this	including PPI will benefit	To imam was sa Albia	justification	and how this will
		decision must be given.	your research	To improve this	included.	benefit your
			design/outcomes/dissemi	section you need		research
		This could include PPI in	nation.	more detail on how	Some good detail	design/outcomes/di
		refining research questions,		including PPI will	has been included	ssemination.
		designing research	This could include PPI in	benefit your	on how PPI will	
		instruments, advising on	refining research	research	benefit your	
		approaches to recruitment,	questions, designing	design/outcomes/di	research	
		assisting in the collection and	research instruments,	ssemination.	design/outcomes/di	
		analysis of data, participation	advising on approaches		ssemination.	
		or chairing advisory and	to recruitment, assisting			
		steering groups, and in the	in the collection and		To improve this	
		dissemination of research	analysis of data,		section	
		findings).	participation or chairing			
			advisory and steering			
			groups, and in the			
			dissemination of research			
			findings).			
Ethical concerns;	15%	Your ethics section is	You have covered some	You have shown	You show a good	Excellent section
Potential	1370	inadequate. You have failed	ethical issues that relate	some understanding	general	covering the
difficulties;		to demonstrate a clear	to your study such as	of the main ethical	understanding of the	relevant ethical
difficulties,		understanding of the main	However there are many	issues but	ethical issues and	considerations and
		ethical concerns for this	key ethical issues missing.	a number of ethical	have highlighted a	potential difficulties
		study. In this section I would	In this section I would	considerations	good range of	and how you would
		expect to see mention of:	expect to see mention of:	haven't been	potential difficulties	manage these.
		confidentiality, anonymity,	confidentiality,	mentioned in this	with the research as	
		data protection, informed	anonymity, data	study such as	well as describing	To improve this
		consent, data management	protection, informed	e.g. confidentiality,	how you might	section
		and where you'd need to seek	consent, data	anonymity, data	manage these.	
		ethics approval from. I would	management and where	protection,		
		also expect to see how you	you'd need to seek ethics	informed consent,	To improve this	
		might deal with these	approval from.	data management	section	
		potential ethical concerns.		and where you'd		

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		Some potential	need to seek ethics	
	In this section you should also	risks/difficulties to	approval from).	
	include a summary explaining	delivering your research		
	any potential risks/difficulties	project have been	You need to	
	to delivering your research	described but you need	describe the ethical	
	project, and what	to include what	issues in more detail	
	contingencies you will need	contingencies you will	such as how will you	
	to put in place to deal with	need to put in place to	ensure your consent	
	them.	deal with them.	is 'fully informed'	
	This may include a discussion			
	about any limitations with the	Typical areas of risk might	You have reasonably	
	design/methods selected and	include ethical approval,	identified and	
	any mitigating factors.	site variation in data	described a number	
		gathering, staffing,	of potential	
	*A risk is defined as any	resource constraints,	risks/difficulties to	
	factor which may delay,	technical constraints,	delivering your	
	disrupt or prevent the full	data access and quality,	research project.	
	achievement of a project	timing, management and	But more detail on	
	objective. Typical areas of	operational issues;	what contingencies	
	risk might include ethical	however, please note this	you will need to put	
	approval, site variation in	is not an exhaustive list.	in place to deal with	
	data gathering, staffing,		them would	
	resource constraints,		strengthen this	
	technical constraints, data		section.	
	access and quality, timing,	To improve this section		
	management and operational]		
	issues; however, please note		To improve this	
	this is not an exhaustive list.		section	
	To improve this section			
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		You have provided an	The potential impact of	Some anticipated	A clear outline of the	Very clear and
Anticipated	5%	inadequate consideration for	your findings are not	impacts considered.	anticipated benefits	detailed description
impact		the impact of your research	clear.	impacts considered.	of conducting the	of the anticipated
		the impact of your research	Clear.		research.	benefits of
		To improve this soution way	To increase this continu	To imam may so this	research.	
		To improve this section you	To improve this section	To improve this	Va., aa., lal maalia	conducting the
		need to consider the	you could consider	section you could	You could make	research.
		potential impacts of your	benefits to a wider	consider benefits to	more of the impact	
		research. Research impacts	audience such as;	a wider audience	of your research. To	To improve this
		can be varied and wide	research participants,	such as; research	improve this section	section
		ranging and you may want to	clients, service users,	participants, clients,	you could consider	
		think about the effects your	staff, government (local	service users, staff,	how you will	
		research may have on health	and national), the	government (local	encourage policy	
		and well being, on society, on	research site, the	and national), the	makers to consider	
		policy changes, or on clinical	researcher.	research site, the	and then implement	
		practices. You could consider		researcher.	your findings	
		benefits to audiences such as;				
		research participants,				
		patients, staff, government				
		(local and national), the				
		research site, the researcher.				
Dissemination	5%	You have not included a	You have not clearly	You have included	A clear outline of	You included an
	370	dissemination section.	shown how you would	some standard	your planned	excellent, clear and
plan			disseminate your	methods of	methods of	comprehensive
		This section should consider	research and who the	dissemination.	dissemination.	dissemination
		which 'groups' of people may	main audiences would			strategy covering a
		benefit from your intended	be.	To improve you	You've included a	range of methods
		research and why.		could consider	dissemination	and their targeted
		Who is it important to	To improve you could	which	strategy covering the	audiences.
		disseminate your findings to	consider who the main	Journal/Conference	standard methods of	
		and what platform/s is most	audiences for your	would be most	dissemination as	To improve this
		effective to do this. This	research would be and	appropriate. As well	well as some more	section
		should include a	how you would	as considering how	creative ones. To	
l	1	consideration for how you	disseminate to these	to engage the	1	

		plan to communicate your research to the different audiences who would be interested in the findings.	audiences. You may consider a particular Journal/Conference to present your findings. You may also consider how you would best engage the general public or how you would best disseminate your results to your study participants.	general public, perhaps via social media. You could also consider how you would disseminate your results to your study participants.		
Research Management	5%	You have not included a timetable or demonstrated a realistic understanding of the time your intended research activities will take.	In your study timetable you've covered some project activities although a number of important project activities have not been adequately presented such as	Your timeline is over ambitious for this scale of project. In your study timetable you've covered most of the important project activities although some of the timelines that you've given may be unrealistic.	Your timetable is detailed but a bit ambitious for this type of research.	Your timetable is realistic. In your study timetable you've covered most of the important project activities and have shown a good appreciation for the time some of these activities may take.
Style, references and appendices	5%	Your style and presentation is poor. Using subheadings from the marking criteria would have helped structure your assignment.	There are weaknesses in your style and presentation of your assignment. Using subheadings from the marking criteria would	Your style and presentation is reasonable throughout. Better use of subheadings would have improved your	Overall your style and presentation are good throughout this assignment. Some inconsistencies in referencing.	Excellent style and presentation throughout the assignment. References are consistent throughout. Good

There are many missing	have helped structure	assignments. Some	Good use of	use of appendices
references and errors in your	your assignment.	errors in your	appendices for	for additional
referencing within text and in		referencing. Your	additional	supporting
your appendices. Please		appendices include	supporting evidence.	evidence. Well
revisit the university library	There are some missing	relevant		done.
online guidance on	references and errors in	information to your		
referencing to access support	your referencing within	research proposal.		
with this.	text and in your			
	appendices. Please revisit			
You have not included any	the university library			
appendices, you could have	online guidance on			
considered including	referencing to access			
	support with this.			
	You have included			
	minimal additional			
	supporting evidence			
	appendices, you could			
	have considered			
	including			