

# **Research Paper Outline**

#### III. Introduction

- A. Background / Context
- B. Problem Statement
- C. Significance of the Study
- D. Research Questions / Hypotheses
- E. Objectives of the Study
- F. Definition of Key Terms (optional)
- G. Overview of the Paper Structure

#### IV. Literature Review

- A. Theoretical Framework
- B. Relevant Previous Studies
- C. Gaps in Existing Research
- D. Conceptual Framework (if applicable)
- E. Summary of Literature Insights

### V. Methodology

- A. Research Design (qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, experimental, etc.)
- B. Population and Sample
- C. Data Collection Methods
- D. Instruments / Tools Used
- E. Data Analysis Procedures
- F. Ethical Considerations
- G. Limitations of the Methodology

# VI. Results / Findings

- A. Presentation of Data (tables, figures, charts)
- B. Key Findings
- C. Patterns, Trends, or Themes

### VII. Discussion

- A. Interpretation of Findings
- B. Comparison with Previous Research
- C. Implications of the Study
- D. Connection to Research Questions / Hypotheses
- E. Unexpected Results (if any)

## **VIII. Conclusion**

- A. Summary of Findings
- B. Answer to Research Questions
- C. Theoretical, Practical, or Policy Implications
- D. Recommendations for Future Research

### IX. References

• List all sources in APA, MLA, Chicago, or required style.

# X. Appendices

- Survey instruments
- Interview questions
- Raw data
- Additional charts, tables, or documents