

## VIVA-VOCE SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What is your favourite result?
2. How would you do it differently next time?
3. Which sections of your thesis are the most publishable and which journals would you publish them in?
4. Explain Chapter [insert number] in 2 minutes.
5. Given the rate of development in your research area, how long will your contribution be relevant?
6. How does your thesis compare with what you set out to do?
7. Did this result in [insert Figure number] surprise you?
8. Where will this research be in 10 years time?
9. What are the main implications of your research for future work?
10. Why have you chosen these experiments as potential future work?
11. How do your major conclusions link to the work of [insert name]?
12. How generalisable are your findings and why?
13. Does your data support or refute your hypothesis?
14. What are the potential problems that could arise from the future work you have proposed?
15. If funding was no object, describe how you would follow on from this project?
16. What is the relevance of your work to healthcare?
17. You said this in your thesis [insert quote here] – can you expand on that point?
18. What is the idea that binds your thesis together?
19. Why did you want to undertake a PhD?
20. How has this research or your PhD going to affect your career?
21. What are your next steps for your career?
22. What have you learned from the process of doing a PhD?

23. Has your view on the research topic changed during the course of your research?

24. What have you found to be the most interesting aspect of your research?

25. Why should you be awarded a PhD?

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