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### *Common Questions on the Defense*

In your defense, you will be showcasing the evidence that you used within the dissertation. To help you prepare for this, common questions you may be asked include:

1. Ensure you can explain your research in one to two sentences (to be able to do this shows your level of clarity on the project).
2. Why did you choose the topic you did? What inspired this decision?
3. What are the most original or distinctive parts of your dissertation?
4. How do your findings align with the research questions you posed at the start of the research?
5. How do your findings show what we did not know before?
6. How do your findings support or contradict the rest of the literature in your chosen field?
7. How innovative or cutting edge do you think your conclusions are?
8. How do you think your research will be of benefit to those who read it? Or to your field?
9. Can you explain to us the data you collected and what you gleaned from it?
10. Why did you choose the method you did for your study?
11. What was the biggest challenge in completing this work?
12. If you were to repeat the study, what would you do differently?
13. How will you continue to work or relate to this area of study after graduation?
14. How could someone build upon your study?
15. What were the limitations within your study?
16. How did you relate your study to existing theories? Please specify which theories by name along with a general explanation of what that theory poses.
17. How did you validate your data collection instruments? How did you prove they were reliable and valid?
18. How did you select your population and sample? Why?
19. How did you test your hypotheses, if any?