**Dissertation Defense**

During a dissertation defense, expect questions about your research's significance, methodology, findings, and implications, as well as the justification for your chosen topic and methods.

**I. Understanding the Research:**

1. Why did you choose this topic/area of study?
2. Why this specific research question?
3. What is the research problem you are addressing?
4. What is the gap in the literature and how does your research fill it?
5. What is the scope of your study?
6. What is the significance of your research?
7. How does your research contribute to the field?
8. What are the potential implications of your findings?
9. Who will be most interested in your research?
10. What phenomenon were you trying to understand with this research? \
11. Why is your thesis relevant?
12. How does your thesis contribute to the resolution of the issue it addresses?
13. How will your work assist other students in conducting more study on the topic?
14. How might society or industry benefit from your work?

**II. Methodology and Approach:**

1. Why did you choose this particular method for your study?
2. Why did you choose the setting, design, and data collection methods?
3. Why did you choose the population of study?
4. What are the independent and dependent variables in your research?
5. What challenges were evident during the study, and how did you handle them?
6. How did you ensure the validity and reliability of your research?
7. What are the limitations of your study?
8. What are the strengths of your study?

**III. Findings and Discussion:**

1. What were the main findings of your research?
2. How do your findings relate to previous research?
3. What are the limitations of your findings?
4. What are the implications of your findings?
5. What are the next steps in this research area?
6. What questions remain unanswered?

**IV. General Questions:**

1. Can you summarize your dissertation in a few sentences?
2. What did you learn from this research process?
3. What are your career aspirations?
4. Are there any questions you would like to ask us?

***Tips for Preparing:***

1. Thoroughly review your dissertation: Ensure you know your research inside and out, including the methodology, findings, and implications.
2. Practice your presentation: Rehearse your presentation multiple times to ensure you can deliver it smoothly and confidently.
3. Anticipate potential questions: Think about the questions your committee might ask and prepare thoughtful answers.
4. Be prepared to defend your work: Be able to justify your choices and explain your reasoning.
5. Be open to feedback: Listen carefully to your committee's questions and comments and be willing to engage in a constructive dialogue.
6. Stay calm and composed: Even if you get a difficult question, try to remain calm and composed.
7. Don't be afraid to say "I don't know": It's okay to admit when you don't know the answer, but try to explain your reasoning or suggest further research.