**Strategy: main questions, sub-questions, and methods**

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| What is the main research question? |

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| Work out operational sub-questions. Use the matrices of the question types and make the terms operational. Describe which method you plan to use to answer the sub-questions. | | | |
| **1**  Method | **2**  Method | **3**  Method | **4**  Method |
| **1.1**  Method  *1.1.1*  *1.1.2*  *1.1.3* | **2.1**  Method  *2.1.1*  *2.1.2*  *2.1.3* | **3.1**  Method  *3.1.1*  *3.1.2*  *3.1.3* | **4.1**  Method  *4.1.1*  *4.1.2*  *4.1.3* |

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| **1.2**  Method  *1.2.1*  *1.2.2*  *1.2.3* | **2.2**  Method  *2.2.1*  *2.2.2*  *2.2.3* | **3.2**  Method  *3.2.1*  *3.2.2*  *3.2.3* | **4.2**  Method  *4.2.1*  *4.2.2*  *4.2.3* |

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| **1.3**  Method  *1.3.1*  *1.3.2*  *1.3.3* | **2.3**  Method  *2.3.1*  *2.3.2*  *2.3.3* | **3.3**  Method  *3.3.1*  *3.3.2*  *3.3.3* | **4.3**  Method  *4.3.1*  *4.3.2*  *4.3.3* |

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| **1.4**  Method  *1.4.1*  *1.4.2*  *1.4.3* | **2.4**  Method  *2.4.1*  *2.4.2*  *2.4.3* | **3.4**  Method  *3.4.1*  *3.4.2*  *3.4.3* | **4.4**  Method  *4.4.1*  *4.4.2*  *4.4.3* |

**Control questions**

**1** Are all terms clear and operational?

**2** Have you included all the sub-questions necessary for answering the main question? Has nothing been left out?

**3** Do you need all the sub-questions to answer the main question?

**4 Have you worked out the sub-questions in parallel sub-sub-questions?**

**5 Is the hierarchy of main and sub- / sub-questions consistent?**

**6 Have you made clear what aspects will be described, or what criteria, classifications, or theories will be used to describe, compare, evaluate, define, explain, predict, or design?**

**7 Do you have sufficient time to answer all these questions?**