**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?**