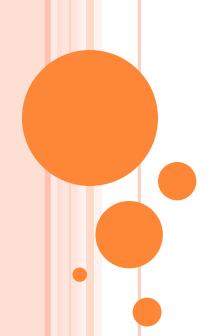
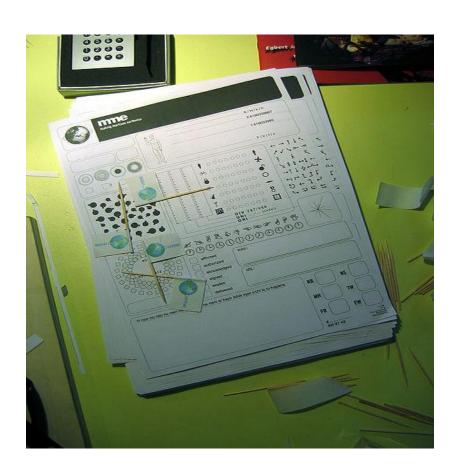
QUSTIONNAIRE





CONTENT

- Questionnaire
- Characteristics of the good questionnaire
- Functions
- Types
- Questionnaire as an instrument
- Reliability
- Validity
- Constructing a questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE

- □ A set of predetermined questions for all respondents that serves as a primary research instrument in survey research.
- Used to collect factual information
- Consist of a form containing a series of questions

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. Should be concerned with specific and relevant topic
- 2. Should be short
- 3. Directions and wording should be simple and clear
- 4. Questions should be objective
- 5. Embarrassing questions, presuming questions and hypothetical questions should be avoided
- 6. Should be presented in a good order
- 7. Should be attractive, neatly printed and clearly arranged

FUNCTIONS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

DESCRITION:

The questionnaire provides description about age, sex, marital status, occupation, income, political affiliation religious affiliation, etc.

MEASUREMENT:

Measurement of individual and/or group variables like attitude, opinion, traits and habits of persons.

TYPES OF QUESTIONNAIRE

- Based upon the type of respond required,
- 1. Fixed- response questionnaire.
- 2. Open- end questionnaire.
- Based upon the method of administering,
- 1. Mail questionnaire
- 2. Face-to-face administered questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE AS INSTRUMENTS

- Most survey research relies on the use of questionnaire to measure variables
- Demographic variables
- The accuracy and precision of questionnaire requires expertise and care in their construction
- Self report scales

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES

- Demographic variables are used to describe the characteristics of the people who are surveyed.
- Measures such as race, ethnicity, age and socio economic status.
- The accuracy and precision of questionnaire as survey research instrument depends upon the expertise and care that go into their construction

PREFERENCES AND ATTITUDES

- Individuals' preferences and attitudes
- For example brand of coffee preferred, attitude regarding public issues

SELF REPORT SCALES

- Used to measure peoples judgments or attitude about items presented on the scale
- e.g., coffee, political candidates, life events
- To determine differences among people on some dimensions presented on the scale
- e.g., personality traits, amount of stress

RELIABILITY

- Reliability refers to the consistency of measurement.
- Reliable test should yield similar(consistent)
 results each time it is taken
- Common method: test- retest reliability

FACTORS AFFECTING RELIABILITY:

- Number of items
- Variability
- Condition in which the questionnaire is administered

VALIDITY

- It refers to the truthfulness of a measure
- Does it measure what it intends to measure?

Assessing validity: Construct validity

Extend to which it measure the theoretical construct it is designed to measure.

- Convergent validity
- Discriminant validity.

CONSTRUCTING A QUESTIONNAIRE

Deciding type, writing a draft, pretesting, concluding with specific procedures.

STEPS:

- 1. Decide what information should be sought
- 2. Decide what type of questionnaire should be used
- 3. Write a first draft of the questionnaire
- 4. Reexamine and revise the questionnaire
- 5. Pretest the questionnaire
- 6. Edit the questionnaire and specify the procedures for its use.

WORDINGS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

- Simplicity in language
- Avoid ambiguity
- Avoid vague words
- Avoid embarrassing questions
- Avoid double negatives
- Avoid leading questions
- Presuming questions
- Hypothetical questions

ORDER OF THE QUESTIONS:

- Begin with simple and general questions
- No sensitive and embarrassing questions at beginning
- Move from general to specific in logical manner
- Sensitive questions at the end
- Demographic data should be obtained at the end of self administering questions
- Kahn & Cannel (1975)

funnel sequence: Start with broad questions and gradually narrow down to the specific questions related to the topic.

CONCLUSION

- Questionnaire are the main and easy way collecting data
- But the questionnaire must be highly reliable and valid.
- Using standardized questionnaires will give us the appropriate data and will yield a valid study
- One must follow all the basic guidelines and methods of constructing a questionnaire and test it before using it.

REFERENCE

 Singh, A.K. (1997). Tests, Measurements and Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences. Patna: Bharati Bhawan.

1. Shaughnessy, J.J., Zechmeister, E.B. & Zechmeister, J.S. (2006). Research Methods in Psychology. (7th edition). Singapore: McGraw-Hill.

TH&NK YOU...