

1. What is your conceptual understanding of research?

For me, research is about studying, observing, analyzing a particular concern or problem using scientific methods which divided into parts that will lead to conclusion that make our world and our lives better. Research can help me to be informative about the issues relevant to our country and I think with these I can possibly say that I can make a difference in our society by proving some theories and provide some useful information that has factual evidence; through these we can gain and generate new knowledge about a certain topic.

2. Describe the nature and characteristics of research.

Research must be **controlled** in a way that minimizes the effect of others factors that may affect the relationship, because some relations are more complex than others. Research must be **rigorous**. Wherein, the answers to the questions are relevant, appropriate and justified. Research should also be **systematic** that follows the procedures in a certain logical sequence, it should be thorough, careful and in order. Research should also be **valid and verifiable** that the findings are correct and verified by others. When conducting research, one should dig into a topic and eliminate documents that cannot be validated. Research must be **empirical**, where any conclusions drawn are based with concrete evidence, gathered from information collected from real life experiences. Last but not the least, research must be **critical**. Wherein, the process of investigations must be free from drawbacks and can withstand critical scrutiny. It exhibits careful and precise judgment.