Theme 02: Defining the Research Problem

**Research Questions: Subject and Focus**

**TASK 1**

Look at the list of subjects offered by the University of Glasgow: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/subjects/>

**TASK 2**

For each of the Research Questions below, determine (a) the general **subject** (use the GU list), (b) the specific **focus** of the subject. A few answers have been provided for you.

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|  | **Research Question** | **Subject** | **Focus** |
| 1 | What effect does daily use of Twitter have on the attention span of under-25s? | PSYCHOLOGY |  |
| 2 | What are Native American patient preferences regarding the timing, location and costs for weight management counselling? |  |  |
| 3 | Is yoga as effective as traditional physical therapy in reducing lymphedema in patients who have had head and neck cancer treatment? |  | Physical therapy |
| 4 | What are the most effective communication strategies for increasing voter turnout among under-30s in the Scottish Highlands? |  |  |
| 5 | How did Irish women perceive and relate to the British women’s suffrage movement? | ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY |  |
| 6 | What maternal factors are associated with obesity in toddlers? |  | Child obesity |
| 7 | How have economic, political and social factors affected patterns of homelessness in San Francisco over the past ten years? |  |  |
| 8 | How can sexual health clinics in Glasgow develop their services and communications to be more LGBT-inclusive? |  | Sexual health services |
| 9 | What are the similarities and differences in the experiences of recent Turkish, Polish and Syrian immigrants in Berlin? | SOCIOLOGY |  |
| 10 | How have modern adaptations of Shakespeare’s Othello dealt with the theme of racism through casting, staging and allusion to contemporary events? |  |  |

**TASK 3:**

1. Which of these can be answered by analysing data collected by other researchers (secondary research)?
2. (For BEF/LSS students) Which of these can be answered by gathering data through questionnaires (Social Science primary research)?
3. (For BEF/LSS students) Which of these can be answered by analysing questionnaire data from a sample of university students?