Strong Topic Sentences (Introduction)

The following are the **topic sentence patterns** commonly used to in the **introduction chapter**. Each subsection in the introduction chapter has its own purpose and sample sentence patterns.

1.1 Introduce General Background Information

- In recent years, there has been considerable interest in __________.
- In recent years, __________ seems to have been more widely accepted.
- __________ in recent year has increased noticeably.
- The effect of __________ has been studied extensively in recent years.
- In the last __________ decades, researchers have given attention to the role of __________.
- Many investigators have recently turned to __________.
- Many studies have focused on __________.
- The study of __________ has gained status as __________ over the past decade.

1.2 Highlight Your Topic within the General Area

- The topic of __________ has received considerable attention.
- __________ continues to be a challenging problem.
- __________ continues to grow at a rapid rate.
- The study of __________ has become an important aspect of __________.
- Knowledge of __________ has a great importance for __________.
- The development of __________ has led to the hope that __________.
• The explication of the relationship between ___________ is a classic problem of ___________.
• One of the noteworthy features of the current model of ___________ is that ___________.
• Attention has recently been turned to the problems of ___________.
• A steadily growing amount of work is beginning to challenge ___________.

1.3 Establish a Niche and Indicate a Gap
• Little literature has been published on ___________.
• Little research has been done/conducted on ___________.
• Little has been done/conducted, however, to assess the possible contribution of ___________.
• Too/Very little attention is given to ___________.
• Scant/Very little attention has been put on/paid to ___________.
• Relatively little attention has been devoted to other areas of ___________.
• Investigations on ___________ are still very much in their infancy.
• In some way research into ___________ is still in its infancy.
• Many questions concerning ___________ still remain unanswered.
• A full explanation for ___________ is not yet available.
• The factors that control ___________ are poorly known.
• Much less attention is being devoted to the notion of ___________.
• Emphasis has been on ___________, with scant attention given to ___________.
• Researchers have focused primarily on ___________, as opposed to ___________.
• ___________ is an area where little work has been done.
• There has been little direct research that would clarify __________.
• There is, at present, little comparative research evidence to support the claim that __________.
• Interest has been shifting from a limited focus on merely __________ to an expanded focus that also includes __________.
• However, the precise nature of __________ has not been delineated.
• While some literature is available on __________, little information is available on __________.
• Although much research has been devoted to __________, little information is available on __________.
• Although no empirical evidence is yet available to confirm these theoretical proposals, I propose that __________.
• Although considerable research has been done on __________, much less is known as to __________.
• Despite the annotated importance of __________, few researchers have experimentally tested __________.
• Since there appears to be relatively little systematic research in this area, I can only speculate __________.

1.4 Purpose of Research
• The purpose of this study was to ascertain the effect of __________.
• The purpose of the present study is to revisit the concept of __________.
• The main purpose of the experiment reported here was to __________.
• It is the purpose of the present paper to provide __________.
• The aims of this study is to discuss the relevance and usefulness of __________.
• The primary focus of this study is to ____________.
• The goal of the present study are the extension of ____________, the characterization of ____________, and the detailed description of ____________.
• The survey had two goals. First, it was intended to ____________. Second, it was designed to provide information on ____________.

1.5 Research Questions
• The first research question addressed ____________.
• Research question 1 in this study examined ____________.
• The second research question investigated ____________.
• The third research question of this investigation involved ____________.
• The next research question focused on the effects of ____________ on ____________.
• The principal/primary research question in this investigation concerned ____________.
• The most important research question motivating this study was ____________.
• The research question might be posed as follows:
• Specific research questions addressed in this study were as follows:
  o What is the effect of ____________ on ____________?
  o Are there differences in the effectiveness of ____________?
  o What are the relationships among ____________ and ____________?
  o To what extent do ____________ variables relate to ____________?
  o What are the strengths and weaknesses of ____________, and how can they be used in ____________?
1.6 Value of Research (Research Contribution)

• This research may provide an alternative to the problem of __________.
• This study may lead to a better understanding of __________.
• The present research extends the use of __________.
• The present study may actually help to suggest why it is that __________.
• The result of this study should be useful to __________.
• This holds the promise that the proposed device can be operated at __________.
• __________ have the possibility for practical use in __________ and fundamental research systems.
• Both the factors under investigation in this study may be of importance in explaining __________.
• It would appear that the study of __________ might pose a fruitful and important issue in understanding __________.

1.7 Overview/Summary of the introduction chapter

• This chapter described __________, including __________.
  _________________ were outlined. __________ was described.
  _________________ were provided.
• This study is divided into four main sections. Section 1 briefly outlines some of the challenges facing __________. Section 2 provides a brief introduction to __________. Section 3 describes the general design of __________. Section 4 provides an example of __________.