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Introduction to Experiment Design

Master the Art of Designing Effective Experiments

DEFINITION

> Experiment design is the process of planning how to conduct an experiment to test hypotheses. It ensures that the results are valid, reliable, and applicable.

KEY CONCEPTS

Hypothesis

A hypothesis is a testable prediction about the relationship between variables.

Variables

Variables are elements that can change; they include independent, dependent, and controlled variables.

Control Group

The control group is a baseline group that does not receive the experimental treatment.

Randomization

Randomization is the process of randomly assigning participants to different groups to reduce bias.

Replication

Replication involves repeating the experiment to confirm findings and ensure reliability.

EXAMPLES

→ Testing a new drug by comparing it to a placebo group.

→ Evaluating a teaching method by measuring student performance against traditional methods.

→ Studying plant growth under different light conditions.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'HVC' for Hypothesis, Variables, Control.

★ Use 'R&R' for Randomization and Replication.

★ Think 'CVC' for Control, Variable, Comparison.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Failing to define the hypothesis clearly.

✗ Not controlling for confounding variables.

✗ Neglecting to randomize sample selection.

QUICK RECAP

Experiment design is crucial for obtaining valid results. Focus on defining your hypothesis, controlling variables, and ensuring randomization. Remember to replicate your experiments for reliability.