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**Analysis of Reference Citations**  
**in the Masters Theses Approved by the**  
**Saudi Universities in the Discipline of**  
**Library and Information**  
**From 1410 to 1425 AH**



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## Thesis Abstract

This study seeks to identify the reference citations in Masters Degree theses which are approved by the Saudi Universities in the discipline of library and information within the period from 1410 AH to 1425 AH (periodicals only). It deals with the supplementary researches covering 81 theses issued by three universities having programs for the Masters of Library and Information Science, namely: Al-Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, King Abdulaziz University, and the University of Girls. The number of reference citations in those theses reaches to more than six thousand citation in Arabic and foreign languages. In this study, the researcher used the descriptive analytical method through which the study reached a number of findings, which are:

- 1- traditional sources of information predominate by more than 98%
- 2- books on traditional sources of information predominate by more than 50%
- 3- The objective dispersion for specialized periodicals reached to the rate of more than 83%
- 4- Library and information science covered the objective dispersion for periodicals cited by more than 83%
- 5- The first five specialized journals are Arabian and in the following order:
  - Journal of Arabian Library and Information (Riyadh)
  - The World of Books (Riyadh)
  - Arab Journal of Information (Tunisia)
  - Management Library (Riyadh)
  - Library Message (Oman)
- 6- The first three topics (Library Services - Information Technology - Specialized libraries) have obtained a combined ratio amounting to more the 54%.
- 7- The English language ranked first in terms of the foreign language of the title of the Journal cited, reaching at more than 91%
- 8- The Arabic language ranked first in terms of the language of the articles cited in comparison with foreign languages by gaining more than 64%

- 9- Individual author in terms of the number of authors in each article ranked first by gaining more than 85%
- 10- Scarcity of works translated to Arabic language, which are confined to a limited number of translators whose number does not exceed 34 translators where the top five accounted for almost 50%;
- 11- Limited number of theses that are supervised by the honorable professors, except for the first five who collectively accounted for more than 32%;
- 12- Researchers' citation of materials authored by their supervisors rated at 3.3% of the total reference citations. The first three gained over 37% of the outcome of materials authored by their supervisors;
- 13- The Saudi intellectual production in Arabic language has gained more than 54% of the total reference citations
- 14- The Saudi intellectual production in foreign languages has gained no more than just above 2%, where the USA ranked first by more than 66%;
- 15- The city of Riyadh headed of Saudi cities in terms of intellectual output by more than 91%;
- 16- The period between 1980 and 1989 ranked first in reference citations in Arabic language by more than 51%;
- 17- The period between 1980 and 1989 ranked first in reference citations in Arabic language by more than 36%

We hope that the Arab researcher and the Arab library would benefit from these findings, with supplication for the sake of the researcher by all.