**Discussion Questions**

**Chapter 2: Review of the Literature**

1. What are you most interested in studying? In one sentence state the essence of this study, then write your research title. Share this with a colleague: critique and discuss.

2. Differentiate between the use of literature in quantitative and qualitative research.

3. Using your earlier formulated research topic, list five key terms and use these to do a database search for journal articles on the topic. What were the outcomes of your database search? How did you modify your search terms to achieve a successful search? Which databases were most useful to you and why?

4. Examine the literature map in Figure 2.1, what do you think are the advantages of using this approach when writing a literature review? Create a simplified version of a literature map for a research paper you are working on, share this with a colleague: critique and discuss.

5. Using your earlier formulated research topic and database search on this topic, list five terms you think are important in this study and define/operationalize them. Discuss the advantages and limitations defining these terms.