Title: "The Impact of Trade Policies on Regional Economic Integration: A Case Study of Cambodia within the ASEAN Framework"

I. Introduction

Briefly discuss the significance of trade policies in promoting regional economic integration.

Highlight ASEAN's role as a key economic bloc in Southeast Asia, emphasizing Cambodia's participation and strategic importance within this framework.

Describe the current state of trade policies in Cambodia and their alignment with the broader economic goals of ASEAN.

1.1 Research Problem:

(1) What are the effects of Cambodia's trade policies on its economic development and integration within the ASEAN region?

(2) How do these policies impact trade flows, economic growth, and socio-economic outcomes in Cambodia?

1.2 Objectives of the Study:

- To assess the effectiveness of Cambodia's trade policies in fostering economic integration with ASEAN.

- To identify both challenges and opportunities arising from existing trade policies.

- To formulate policy recommendations aimed at enhancing trade integration and boosting economic growth in Cambodia.

II. Literature Review

- Overview of relevant economic theories, such as Comparative Advantage, Free Trade Theory, and Economic Union Theory.

- Explanation of how these theories apply to the study of trade policies and regional economic integration.

III. Research Methodology

Approach:

- A mixed-methods approach that incorporates both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis.

Quantitative Methods:

- Analysis of trade data, GDP growth rates, foreign direct investment (FDI), and other key economic indicators.

- Use of econometric models to evaluate the impact of trade policies on economic growth and trade flows.

- Data sources: ASEAN trade databases, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and Cambodian government statistics.

Qualitative Methods:

- Conducting interviews with policymakers, trade experts, and business leaders in Cambodia.

- Case studies of key trade agreements and their implementation, such as the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA).

IV. Data Collection and Analysis

Data Collection:

- Gathering secondary data from trade databases, government publications, and research institutions.

Data Analysis:

- Quantitative data will be analyzed using statistical software (e.g., Stata, R) to identify significant correlations, trends, and patterns.

V. Expected Outcomes

VI. Significance of the Study

Contribution to Knowledge:

- Provides an in-depth analysis of the influence of trade policies on regional economic integration, focusing specifically on Cambodia within the ASEAN context.

VII. Policy Impact:

- Offers actionable recommendations for policymakers to improve trade integration and economic development.

- Supports evidence-based policymaking by presenting empirical data and qualitative insights.