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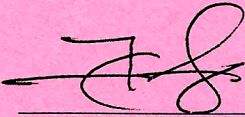
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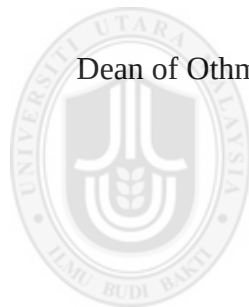
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## ABSTRACT

This study examines the influence of organizational culture, human resource management (HRM) practice, job satisfaction, motivation towards employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. Using a quantitative approach, the research aims to identify the relationships and key factors impacting employee performance among these variables. The study hypothesizes that organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation positively affect employee performance. Regression and correlation analysis were used to examine survey data from 105 employees in the private sector. Findings indicate that motivation has the most significant effect on performance, followed by organizational culture, while HRM Practice and job satisfaction show positive but lesser influences. Ultimately, motivation demonstrates the strongest correlation, where employees motivated either intrinsically or through external rewards (extrinsic) tend to perform at higher levels. These results suggest that, while HRM Practice and job satisfaction are important, a focus on motivational strategies and an inclusive, supportive organizational culture could lead to more substantial performance impacts. In order to foster better performance and dedication from staff, this study emphasizes how fundamental it is for Peninsular Malaysia's private sector to give motivating approaches and an optimal organization atmosphere as its top priorities.

**Keywords:** *Organizational Culture, HRM Practice, Job Satisfaction, Motivation, Employee Performance, Peninsular Malaysian Private Sector*

## ABSTRAK

Kajian ini mengkaji pengaruh budaya organisasi, amalan pengurusan sumber manusia (HRM), kepuasan kerja, dan motivasi terhadap prestasi pekerja dalam sektor swasta di Semenanjung Malaysia. Berlandaskan pendekatan kuantitatif, kajian ini bertujuan untuk mengenal pasti hubungan serta faktor-faktor utama yang mempengaruhi prestasi pekerja dalam kalangan pemboleh ubah ini. Hipotesis kajian menyatakan bahawa budaya organisasi, amalan HRM, kepuasan kerja, dan motivasi memberikan kesan positif kepada prestasi pekerja. Analisis regresi dan korelasi digunakan untuk meneliti data tinjauan daripada 105 pekerja di sektor swasta. Dapatan kajian menunjukkan bahawa motivasi mempunyai kesan paling besar terhadap prestasi, diikuti oleh budaya organisasi, manakala amalan HRM dan kepuasan kerja menunjukkan hubungan positif tetapi dengan pengaruh yang lebih rendah. Akhir sekali, motivasi menunjukkan korelasi paling kuat, dimana pekerja yang bermotivasi sama ada secara dalaman (intrinsik) atau melalui ganjaran luar (ekstrinsik) cenderung untuk berprestasi lebih tinggi. Hasil kajian ini mencadangkan bahawa walaupun amalan HRM dan kepuasan kerja adalah penting, penekanan terhadap strategi motivasi dan budaya organisasi yang inklusif serta menyokong dapat memberikan impak prestasi yang lebih signifikan. Kajian ini menekankan keperluan sektor swasta Semenanjung Malaysia untuk menumpukan perhatian kepada strategi motivasi dan budaya organisasi yang positif bagi meningkatkan produktiviti dan komitmen pekerja.

**Kata kunci:** *Budaya Organisasi, Amalan HRM, Kepuasan Kerja, Motivasi, Prestasi Pekerja, Sektor Swasta Semenanjung Malaysia*

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## **CHAPTER ONE:**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.0 Introduction of Chapter**

Chapter one covered an overview of the study, in addition to an explanation of the study background, problem statement, research question, research objectives, significance and scope. These chapters generally are further to present clearer definitions of relevant terms, organization of the thesis and lastly, chapter's conclusion.

#### **1.1 Background of the Study**

In modern, fast-paced, and competitive business endeavors, the success of private sector companies heavily relied on the efficiency and effectiveness of their employees. Employee performance is a significant concern in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, which served as the primary engine of the country's economic development (Yusoff & Ramayah, 2020). Particularly in the private sector, competitive advantage and organizational efficiency are paramount, emphasizing the importance of maximizing workforce performance (Khan et al., 2021). Employee performance, which included the execution of job-related activities and their overall productivity, was essential to achieving organizational goals. Employee performance dynamics in Malaysia and other Asian countries are influenced by various factors, including organizational culture, human resource management (HRM) practices, job satisfaction, and motivation (Rasool et al., 2019). This study aimed to explore these influences to understand how it collectively related to employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia private sector companies.

Similar to the global trends, organizations in Malaysia are increasingly focused on enhancing employee performance to remain competitive (Yusoff & Ramayah, 2019). This includes leveraging diverse workforces comprising both male and female employees from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds. A positive and supportive culture enhanced employee morale, foster teamwork, and encourage a sense of belonging, all contributing to higher performance levels (Rahimi et al., 2023). Promoted values such as innovation, teamwork, and continuous improvement can enhance employee performance by creating a supportive environment. Aligning these drivers with organizational objectives not only enhances employee commitment and engagement but also leads to superior performance outcomes (Judge, Thoresen, Bono, & Patton, 2020). Past studies have shown that organizational culture significantly influenced employee performance in both sectors (Omar et al., 2021). Ng et al., (2020) emphasized the importance of parameters such as employee participation, innovation, and reward systems in understanding the linked of organizational culture on performance.

HRM practices include recruitment, training and development, performance appraisal, compensation, and employee relations, which are essential for aligning the workforce's capabilities with organizational goals (Noe et al., 2021). Properly implemented HRM practices ensure employees feel valued and performed at their best. According to Armstrong and Taylor (2020), effective HRM practices ensure that employees have the essential skills, resources, and passion to perform their jobs well. Effective recruitment and selection measures are critical for attracting and retaining top talent (Yusoff & Ramayah, 2019). Comprehensive training programs enhanced

employees' competencies, while fair performance appraisals and competitive compensation could influence employees to perform at their best (Armstrong & Taylor, 2020). Organizations must attract and retain talent while ensuring employees performed at their highest potential to stay competitive. In the context of Peninsular Malaysia private sector companies, adopting great HRM practices tailored to the local workforce which significantly enhance employee performance.

Job satisfaction, defined as an employee feeling content with their job, is directly linked to their performance (Judge et al., 2020). Satisfied employees are more likely to be motivated, engaged, and committed, enhancing overall performance (Locke, 2019). Factors influencing job satisfaction include the nature of the job, work environment, and growth opportunities (Ooi & Arumugam, 2020). Higher satisfaction reduces absenteeism and turnover while improving productivity and organizational performance (Judge et al., 2020). Flexible working arrangements can improve job satisfaction and performance by enhancing work-life balance (Kipkoech, 2020). A study focusing on private sector employees in Peninsular Malaysia found that factors such as supervision significantly influence job satisfaction (Abdullah et al., 2022). This suggests that enhancing supervisory practices can lead to improved job satisfaction among employees. Understanding the specific factors that drive job satisfaction for employees in various sectors helps organizations create more conducive work environments that enhance performance (Locke, 2019). Addressing work-life balance, job security, and career advancement is essential for enhancing job satisfaction and performance in Peninsular Malaysia private sector (Bakotić, 2019).

Motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, is a critical determinant of employee performance (Ryan & Deci, 2020). Intrinsic motivation involves engaging in work for inherent satisfaction, while extrinsic motivation involves external rewards like salary and recognition (Noe et al., 2021). Financial incentives attract and retain talent, while a supportive culture and meaningful work enhance long-term loyalty and productivity (Omar et al., 2021). Motivated employees are more engaged, committed, and productive, enhancing overall performance (Rahimi et al., 2023). Studies show a positive relationship between motivation and performance, highlighting the importance of aligning individual and organizational objectives (Judge et al., 2020). Public sector motivational challenges often stem from bureaucratic constraints and limited career advancement, unlike the private sector's dynamic policies (Ng et al., 2020). In Malaysia's private sector, balancing intrinsic and extrinsic motivation is vital for optimal performance (Nasir et al., 2023). Effective motivational strategies can lead to higher levels of employee performance by addressing diverse employee needs and aligning goals with organizational objectives (Ryan & Deci, 2020).

Understanding the multifaceted influences on employee performance is essential for enhancing organizational effectiveness in Malaysia's private sector (Lai et al., 2021). This study examined the combined effects of organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation on employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia private sector. By examining these factors, the study aims to provide vision that could assist organizations in optimizing their workforce and achieving sustained competitive advantage (Rahimi et al., 2023).

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Employee performance is fundamental to the growth and success of organizations, yet significant gaps in employee productivity, enthusiasm, achievement, and engagement persist within Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. These performance gaps create systemic challenges that limit organizational growth, hinder competitiveness, and reduce overall workforce efficiency. Despite efforts to improve employee performance, organizations in various industries such as manufacturing, technology, and services continue to face barriers that hinder optimal output and employee satisfaction. The primary factors contributing to these gaps include inadequate organizational culture, ineffective human resource management (HRM) practices, low job satisfaction, and a lack of motivation, all of which directly impact the productivity, enthusiasm, and achievement levels of employees.

One of the most significant performance gaps in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector is productivity. Despite the growing adoption of automation and digital tools, many employees still face challenges related to excessive workloads, insufficient training, and misalignment between employee capabilities and job expectations. For instance, employees in the manufacturing sector often report inefficiencies due to outdated machinery or inadequate training on new technologies (Ling & Wan, 2021). Additionally, many organizations suffer from poor task allocation, where employees are assigned tasks beyond their expertise or capabilities. A lack of clear job descriptions and expectations leads to confusion, inefficiency, and delays in completing tasks. Research by Rahman (2023) indicates that in Peninsular Malaysia, employees in industries such as finance and

technology often report confusion over their roles due to ambiguous job descriptions, leading to decreased productivity and performance. To address these issues, organizations must implement effective job design strategies, clearly define roles, and ensure that task allocation is based on employees' skills and strengths.

Addressing these productivity gaps requires fostering a culture that values employee development and providing clear frameworks for task delegation. A strong organizational culture can promote transparency, where employees understand their roles, responsibilities, and expectations (Nasir et al., 2023). By aligning organizational culture with the goal of continuous improvement and innovation, companies can develop employee skills and embrace new technologies, thus improving overall productivity. Furthermore, HRM practices such as rigorous recruitment processes, onboarding, and competency-based training programs will equip employees with the necessary tools and knowledge to perform effectively.

Enthusiasm, a key driver of employee engagement and performance, is another critical area of concern in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. A recent study by Rahimi et al. (2023) found that a lack of recognition and rewards significantly dampens enthusiasm in employees, particularly in the service and retail sectors, where employees often face high-pressure environments and monotonous tasks. Employees who feel their efforts go unnoticed tend to lose motivation, leading to disengagement and reduced performance. In addition, poor work-life balance, a common challenge in Malaysia's urban centers, exacerbates the enthusiasm gap. In industries such as technology and

finance, employees frequently face long working hours and high job demands, leading to burnout and disengagement (Yusof & Musa, 2022). As employees feel more stressed and overwhelmed, their enthusiasm for their work decreases, directly impacting on their overall performance.

Enhancing employee enthusiasm requires organizations to invest in programs that recognize and reward employee efforts, such as “Employee of the Month” schemes or annual recognition events. A study by Ng et al. (2020) demonstrated that when employees feel valued and appreciated, they are more enthusiastic and committed to their work. Furthermore, organizations can improve enthusiasm by offering flexible work arrangements and prioritizing work-life balance, allowing employees to recharge and return to work with renewed energy and motivation. By offering perks such as flexible working hours or the option to work from home, companies in Peninsular Malaysia can boost enthusiasm, especially in industries that rely on high-skilled professionals (Rahman, 2023).

Achievement gaps are evident in the disconnect between individual and organizational goals. Many employees in Peninsular Malaysia report feeling stagnant in their roles due to limited opportunities for career advancement and a lack of alignment between their personal goals and the organization’s objectives (Lai et al., 2021). This is particularly common in sectors like retail and customer service, where employees often feel their contributions are undervalued and their potential for growth is limited. When employees perceive a lack of progression, they are less motivated to achieve their best

performance, leading to decreased job satisfaction and lower achievement levels. Moreover, many organizations fail to set clear, measurable performance goals for their employees. This lack of structured goal-setting results in confusion about expectations and can demotivate employees from striving to reach their full potential (Rahimi et al., 2023). In contrast, organizations with clear performance metrics and growth opportunities tend to see higher levels of achievement and job satisfaction.

To address achievement gaps, private sector organizations in Peninsular Malaysia must create clear career advancement pathways and establish regular, constructive feedback mechanisms. A strong organizational culture that promotes personal growth, internal mobility, and continuous learning can help employees align their personal goals with organizational objectives (Rahman, 2023). By creating clear performance metrics, offering mentorship programs, and promoting from within, organizations can help employees set and achieve meaningful goals. Additionally, HRM practices that include skill-building initiatives, leadership training, and clear performance evaluations can contribute to employees' professional development, ultimately leading to higher achievement levels (Noe et al., 2021).

Employee engagement, which reflects an individual's emotional commitment to their organization, remains a significant challenge in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. Key issues contributing to engagement gaps include monotonous work, lack of autonomy, and insufficient support from leadership. For instance, employees in the manufacturing and logistics sectors often perform repetitive tasks with minimal involvement in decision-

making, leading to disengagement and reduced productivity (Ling & Wan, 2021). Additionally, rigid organizational hierarchies and micromanagement further limit employees' ability to contribute creatively, resulting in feelings of stagnation and disconnection from their roles. A lack of work-life balance, particularly in urban areas, exacerbates these challenges, as long working hours and high job demands lead to burnout and decreased enthusiasm for work. These factors collectively hinder organizational efficiency and highlight the urgent need for targeted strategies to enhance engagement and drive performance.

Addressing these engagement gaps requires a multidimensional approach focusing on intrinsic and extrinsic motivation through organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation. A strong organizational culture that fosters inclusivity and encourages open communication can empower employees, while HRM practices such as transparent performance appraisals and skills-based training can equip them for success (Rahimi et al., 2023). Job satisfaction can be improved by providing growth opportunities and work-life balance initiatives, such as flexible work arrangements and wellness programs. Motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, plays a pivotal role; recognizing employee contributions and offering meaningful work can boost engagement significantly. For example, technology firms in Peninsular Malaysia have successfully increased engagement by implementing innovation hubs and performance-based rewards, aligning employees' goals with organizational objectives (Ryan & Deci, 2020). By integrating these strategies, organizations can create a supportive environment that bridges engagement gaps, enhances productivity, and drives overall organizational success.

### **1.3 Research Questions**

The following questions were raised by the study in order to solve the problem statement:

- 1.3.1 Does organizational culture have relationship with employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector?
- 1.3.2 Does HRM Practice have relationship with employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector?
- 1.3.3 Does job satisfaction have relationship with employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector?
- 1.3.4 Does motivation have relationship with employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector?

### **1.4 Research Objectives**

The primary objective of this study was to analyze how organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation collectively impacted employee performance in Malaysia's private sector. Specific objectives included:

- 1.4.1 To investigate the relationship between organizational culture on employee performance.
- 1.4.2 To investigate the relationship between HRM Practice on employee performance.
- 1.4.3 To investigate the relationship between job satisfaction and employee performance.
- 1.4.4 To investigate the relationship between motivation on employee performance.

### **1.5 Scope and Limitation of the Study**

This study focuses exclusively on private sector companies in Peninsular Malaysia. The population under study includes employees across organizational levels, ranging from entry-level workers to senior management, to capture a holistic view of factors influencing employee performance. Key variables analyzed are organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation, and their collective relations on employee performance, which is measured through metrics like productivity, enthusiasm, and achievement. Quantitative methods, particularly structured surveys and statistical analyses, were employed to examine relationships between these variables, offering data-driven insights (Ling & Wan, 2021). The study emphasizes understanding cultural nuances specific to the Peninsular Malaysia workplace, providing localized vision that may not align with broader global trends (Ahmad et al., 2022).

Despite its strengths, the research faces several limitations that constrain the generalizability and applicability of findings. First, its focus on Peninsular Malaysia's private sector limits its transferability to public institutions or private organizations in East Malaysia, where cultural and economic contexts differ significantly (Lai et al., 2021). Self-reported data, a key aspect of this study, may introduce bias, as respondents could exaggerate or understate their experiences (Rahman, 2023). Furthermore, the cross-sectional design captures a snapshot in time, restricting the ability to infer causal relationships between variables like job satisfaction and motivation (Omar et al., 2021). Subjective variables, such as job satisfaction and motivation, might also be influenced by individual biases, reducing the precision of findings (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

Additionally, rapidly changing economic conditions and technological advancements may outpace the relevance of findings, particularly in industries adopting automation and digital transformation (Ng et al., 2020). For instance, the economic involvement in global uncertainties and shifting employment trends could alter the dynamics of employee performance in the private sector (Rahimi et al., 2023). Future research could address these limitations by employing longitudinal study designs, allowing researchers to track changes over time, or by incorporating qualitative approaches to gain deeper insights into subjective variables (Nasir et al., 2023). Broadening the geographical scope to include other Malaysian regions, such as East Malaysia, could also provide comparative data to enrich the understanding of employee performance within different contexts (Ling & Wan, 2021).

### **1.6 Significance of Research**

The findings of this research contribute significantly to theoretical knowledge by highlighting the interconnected relationship of organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation and employee performance. This study advances existing frameworks by integrating these variables within the context of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, where localized cultural and economic factors play a pivotal role in shaping workforce dynamics (Nasir et al., 2023). By focusing on the synergistic relates of these independent variables, the research provides a deeper understanding of how intrinsic and extrinsic factors influence productivity, enthusiasm, and achievement, filling a gap in current literature (Rahimi et al., 2023).

Practically, this research is particularly significant as it offers actionable insights tailored to the unique challenges of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. For instance, it provides evidence-based recommendations for managers to develop organizational cultures that foster collaboration and innovation, directly enhancing employee engagement and performance (Ling & Wan, 2021). Policymakers can leverage these findings to design HR frameworks that prioritize fair appraisals, targeted training programs, and effective motivation strategies, which are critical in addressing performance gaps (Ng et al., 2020). By identifying key performance drivers, such as motivation and job satisfaction, organizations can implement structured initiatives like flexible work arrangements, employee recognition programs, and career advancement opportunities, resulting in a more motivated and high-performing workforce (Rahman, 2023). Ultimately, the study equips leaders with the tools to improve organizational efficiency and sustain competitiveness in the rapidly evolving business environment of Peninsular Malaysia.

## **1.7 Definition of Key Terms**

### **Employee Performance:**

The efficiency and effectiveness with which employees perform their job duties, contributing to the achievement of organizational goals. Employee performance encompasses measurable outcomes such as productivity, quality of work, and adherence to workplace protocols (Campbell, 1990; Nasir et al., 2023). For instance, in the technology sector in Peninsular Malaysia, a software engineer who meets project

deadlines, produces high-quality code, and collaborates effectively with team members demonstrates strong employee performance.

### **Organizational Culture:**

The shared values, beliefs, norms, and practices within an organization influence the behavior and attitudes of its members. A positive organizational culture fosters teamwork, innovation, and alignment with organizational objectives (Schein, 2010; Rahimi et al., 2023). An example, a manufacturing company in Peninsular Malaysia that promotes open communication, values employee feedback, and celebrates achievements creates an organizational culture that boosts employee morale and collaboration.

### **Human Resource Management (HRM) Practices:**

The strategies, policies, and practices implemented by organizations to effectively manage their workforce. These practices include recruitment, training, performance appraisals, and compensation to optimize employee performance and organizational outcomes (Armstrong, 2016; Ling & Wan, 2021). Kind of retail company in Peninsular Malaysia that provides comprehensive onboarding, continuous skills training, and transparent performance appraisals helps employees adapt quickly and perform at their best.

### **Job Satisfaction:**

The level of contentment and fulfillment of employees derive from their job roles, working environment, and organizational support. Factors influencing job satisfaction include opportunities for career growth, work-life balance, and recognition (Locke, 1976; Yusof

& Musa, 2022). Like the services industry in Peninsular Malaysia, an employee who receives regular recognition for their contributions and has opportunities for career advancement is likely to experience high job satisfaction.

### **Motivation:**

The internal and external factors that stimulate and sustain employees' desire to achieve personal and organizational goals. Motivation can be intrinsic, driven by personal satisfaction, or extrinsic, driven by rewards such as salary or recognition (Ryan & Deci, 2000; Ng et al., 2020). Such a sales executive in Peninsular Malaysia motivated by monthly performance bonuses (extrinsic motivation) and the satisfaction of closing challenging deals (intrinsic motivation) is likely to exhibit strong engagement and performance

## **1.8 Organization of Thesis**

### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

The first chapter provides an overview of the research by introducing the study's background, problem statement, and research questions. It outlines the objectives of the research and highlights its scope and limitations, offering clarity on the areas being studied and the constraints encountered during the research process. Additionally, this chapter emphasizes the significance of the study, detailing its theoretical and practical contributions to the field of employee performance in the private sector of Peninsular Malaysia. Key terms relevant to the study are defined to ensure clarity, followed by an explanation of the thesis organization to guide readers through the subsequent chapters.

## **Chapter 2: Literature Review**

This chapter reviews key theories and studies related to organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance. It highlights the need to study these variables in the context of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. The literature guides the development of the research framework, offering theoretical insights and evidence to establish relationships between the variables. By synthesizing relevant studies, this chapter provides a foundation for the analysis and hypothesis development.

## **Chapter 3: Research Methodology**

The third chapter describes the methods used to study how organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation affect employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. A research framework and hypotheses were developed to test these relationships using a quantitative design and cross-sectional data collection through surveys. Employees from various industries and job levels were selected using non-probability sampling techniques, specifically convenience and purposive sampling, to ensure access to relevant participants. Data analysis was conducted using statistical tools like SPSS. This approach provides a systematic and practical understanding of the factors influencing employee performance.

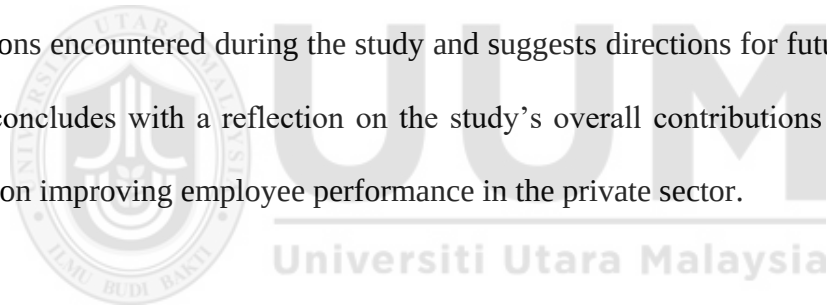
## **Chapter 4: Data Analysis and Findings**

The fourth chapter focuses on analyzing the data collected during the study and presenting the findings. It begins by outlining the demographic characteristics of the respondents and then delves into the results of statistical analyses conducted to test the hypotheses. The

chapter discusses the relationships between organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance. It also compares the findings with the existing literature reviewed in Chapter 2, highlighting similarities, discrepancies, and unique contributions.

## **Chapter 5: Discussion and Conclusion**

The final chapter summarizes the research findings, linking them to the research questions and objectives established in Chapter 1. It discusses the implications of the findings for theory and practice, offering actionable recommendations for managers and policymakers in the private sector of Peninsular Malaysia. Additionally, this chapter identifies limitations encountered during the study and suggests directions for future research. The thesis concludes with a reflection on the study's overall contributions and its potential impact on improving employee performance in the private sector.



## **CHAPTER TWO:**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.0 Introduction**

In exploring the influences of organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation on employee performance within the Peninsular Malaysia private sector, it was imperative to synthesize relevant academic literature. This section provided a comprehensive review of existing studies. A review of theoretical literature and a review of the empirical literature were the two main components of the literature review. The theoretical review offered foundational theories that underpinned the study, while the empirical review critically discussed previous research. By identifying the gaps that this study aimed to address, this review set the foundation for understanding the multifaceted nature of employee performance in the context of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

#### **2.1 Employee Performance**

Employee performance is a critical variable in organizational studies, defined as the effectiveness and efficiency with which employees fulfill their job responsibilities to achieve organizational goals. Recent research emphasizes that employee performance is multi-dimensional, including productivity, adaptability, and collaboration, all of which contribute to achieving strategic organizational outcomes (Nasir et al., 2023). It encompasses dimensions such as productivity, quality of work, adherence to company policies, teamwork, and customer service. Performance can be quantitatively measured

through metrics like sales figures or qualitatively assessed via supervisor evaluations (Yusof & Musa, 2022). High employee performance is essential for achieving competitive advantage and organizational success, as it contributes to increased productivity, profitability, and customer satisfaction (Nasir et al., 2023).

In the private sector of Peninsular Malaysia, employee performance holds particular significance due to the region's competitive business environment. The dynamic and fast-evolving nature of industries such as manufacturing, services, and technology underscores the need for effective performance management strategies. These strategies involve setting clear expectations, providing regular feedback, and offering performance incentives (Rahimi et al., 2023). Additionally, employee performance evolves over time, influenced by factors such as individual development, organizational changes, and external challenges. High-performing employees drive innovation, enhance customer satisfaction, and contribute to achieving strategic objectives. By focusing on employee performance, organizations can reduce turnover, increase engagement, and achieve long-term success in Malaysia's private sector (Lai et al., 2021).

### **2.1.1 Importance of Employee Performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector**

Employee performance is influenced by a range of factors, including organizational structure, leadership, and work environment. Common challenges include unclear goals, insufficient feedback, and limited resources, which often lead to reduced morale and performance (Rahman, 2023). Poor leadership and ineffective communication further

exacerbate these issues, negatively impacting employee engagement. Studies have shown that high levels of stress and poor work-life balance are significant detractors of performance, as employees experiencing burnout or stress often exhibit lower productivity and higher absenteeism (Ling & Wan, 2021).

In Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, these challenges are magnified by industry-specific pressures such as high turnover rates, job dissatisfaction, and inadequate HRM practices. For example, in the technology sector, rapid innovation demands, and competitive job markets often lead to difficulty retaining skilled employees, which disrupts workflow continuity and increases training costs (Nasir et al., 2023). Similarly, in the manufacturing sector, poor working conditions and lack of recognition result in disengaged employees and reduced productivity (Rahimi et al., 2023). Multicultural workplaces in Malaysia further necessitate tailored management approaches to ensure inclusivity and motivation.

To address these challenges, private sector organizations in Peninsular Malaysia must adopt effective performance management systems. These systems should include regular appraisals, clear communication of expectations, and alignment of HRM practices with employee needs and organizational objectives (Lai et al., 2021). Additionally, fostering a supportive work environment that recognizes and rewards high performance is essential for retaining talent and improving engagement. For instance, technology firms in Kuala Lumpur that implemented structured feedback systems and career advancement programs reported significant improvements in employee satisfaction and productivity

(Yusof & Musa, 2022). Addressing performance challenges holistically allows organizations to achieve sustainable growth and competitiveness in Malaysia's private sector.

## **2.2 Organizational Culture**

Organizational culture refers to the shared values, beliefs, and norms within an organization that influence how employees behave, interact, and make decisions. It shapes the work environment, directly affecting employees' perceptions of their roles and their level of engagement (Schein, 2010). A strong, cohesive culture fosters teamwork, enhances morale, and creates a sense of belonging, all of which contribute to higher employee performance levels (Nasir et al., 2023). Organizational culture also serves as a framework for aligning employee behavior with organizational goals, reinforcing commitment and fostering positive workplace dynamics. Different cultural typologies, such as hierarchical, innovative, and market-oriented cultures, uniquely influence performance outcomes, depending on the organizational context (Rahimi et al., 2023).

The alignment of organizational culture with employees' personal values and beliefs is critical in creating a positive work environment. When employees perceive congruence between their values and the organization's culture, it enhances job satisfaction, engagement, and overall performance (Yusof & Musa, 2022). Conversely, misalignment between stated organizational values and actual practices can lead to confusion, mistrust, and decreased morale, underlining the importance of maintaining cultural consistency within the organization.

### **2.2.1 Importance of Organizational Culture in Peninsular Malaysia's Private Sector**

Organizational culture plays a pivotal role in shaping employee behavior, engagement, and performance, particularly within the private sector of Peninsular Malaysia. Common issues with organizational culture include misalignment between stated values and actual practices, lack of employee involvement in decision-making, and resistance to change. Such misalignments often result in low morale, poor communication, and diminished productivity (Rahman, 2023). For instance, when an organization promotes collaboration but operates in a strictly hierarchical manner, employees may feel undervalued and disengaged, reducing their motivation and overall performance (Nasir et al., 2023). Similarly, rigid cultural practices that fail to adapt to changing environments hinder innovation and organizational growth, further exacerbating performance issues.

In the context of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, the diverse and multicultural workforce adds unique dimensions to organizational culture. Companies must navigate cultural sensitivities and promote inclusivity to prevent conflicts and enhance employee engagement (Ling & Wan, 2021). For example, multinational corporations operating in Malaysia often face challenges integrating global practices with local cultural norms. Mismanagement of these differences can lead to misunderstandings and friction, impacting team cohesion and performance (Rahimi et al., 2023). Conversely, organizations that successfully integrate diverse cultural perspectives often experience improved employee engagement and performance. Tailoring organizational culture to

align with both local and global practices ensure inclusivity and productivity, enabling businesses to thrive in Malaysia's competitive environment.

Addressing these challenges requires strategic interventions to create a cohesive and supportive culture. Companies must align cultural values with organizational goals while respecting employees' diverse backgrounds. For instance, implementing structured feedback mechanisms, fostering open communication, and promoting shared values can bridge cultural gaps and enhance teamwork (Yusof & Musa, 2022). By prioritizing inclusivity and adapting cultural practices to meet employee needs, organizations can foster a positive work environment that supports engagement and drives employee performance.

### **2.3 Human Resource Management Practice**

Human Resource Management (HRM) practices refer to the strategic management of an organization's workforce, encompassing policies, procedures, and strategies to effectively manage human capital. These practices include recruitment, training and development, performance appraisal, compensation, and employee relations, all aimed at aligning employees' skills, motivations, and behaviors with organizational goals to enhance performance (Ng et al., 2021). Recruitment and selection processes play a critical role in attracting top talent, ensuring employees not only possess the necessary skills but also align with organizational culture. Similarly, training and development programs help employees adapt to evolving job requirements, enhancing their skills and knowledge for optimal task performance (Rahman, 2023).

Performance appraisals provide structured mechanisms for evaluating employee contributions, identifying strengths, and addressing areas for improvement, while fair compensation and benefits serve as critical motivators for retention and satisfaction (Nasir et al., 2023). Employee relations practices, including communication and conflict resolution, foster collaboration and engagement, contributing to a positive work environment. For HRM practices to be effective, they must align with the organization's strategic objectives, such as fostering innovation or enhancing customer service. Moreover, in Peninsular Malaysia's multicultural private sector, HRM practices must also address inclusivity and cultural diversity to optimize employee engagement and performance (Rahimi et al., 2023).

### **2.3.1 Importance of Human Resource Management Practice in Peninsular Malaysia's Private Sector**

HRM practices are critical to maintaining high employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, yet several challenges limit their effectiveness. Common issues include ineffective recruitment processes, inadequate training programs, biased performance appraisals, and outdated compensation systems. Ineffective recruitment often results in mismatches between job requirements and employees' skills, leading to lower productivity and performance (Ng et al., 2021). Similarly, inadequate training programs fail to address skill gaps, reducing employees' ability to perform tasks efficiently and adapt to technological advancements. For example, in the technology sector, rapid changes demand continuous skill development, yet many companies lack robust training initiatives, resulting in reduced performance (Rahman, 2023).

Biased performance appraisals also pose a challenge, as they demotivate employees and foster perceptions of favoritism, while unfair compensation systems contribute to job dissatisfaction and high turnover rates (Nasir et al., 2023). These challenges are compounded by outdated HRM practices that fail to meet the dynamic needs of the modern workforce. For instance, traditional performance appraisal systems often overlook collaborative efforts and innovation, which are critical in sectors like technology and services (Rahimi et al., 2023). Furthermore, biased recruitment processes can exclude high-potential candidates, reducing workforce diversity and innovation.

Addressing these challenges requires the modernization of HRM practices to align with the current needs of employees and the competitive landscape of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. Companies should implement comprehensive training programs tailored to local workforce needs and establish clear career progression paths to enhance retention and performance. Modernized performance appraisal systems that incorporate dynamic and collaborative efforts can improve employee satisfaction and productivity. Additionally, fair and inclusive recruitment processes can attract a more diverse and talented workforce, fostering innovation and engagement (Ng et al., 2021). By prioritizing these strategies, organizations can enhance HRM effectiveness, resulting in improved employee performance and sustained competitive advantage.

## **2.4 Job Satisfaction**

Job satisfaction refers to the degree of contentment employees feel with their job roles and overall employment conditions. It is influenced by various factors, including the nature of the job, working conditions, compensation, relationships with colleagues, job security, and opportunities for growth and advancement (Ng et al., 2021). High job satisfaction is associated with increased motivation, engagement, and performance, as employees who are satisfied with their roles are more likely to contribute positively to organizational success (Nasir et al., 2023). Moreover, job satisfaction is essential for fostering employee well-being, reducing turnover, and enhancing organizational efficiency (Rahimi et al., 2023). In the context of private sectors in Peninsular Malaysia, understanding job satisfaction is crucial for designing effective workplace policies and practices that align with employees' needs and organizational goals.

### **2.4.1 Importance of Job Satisfaction in Peninsular Malaysia's Private Sector**

Job satisfaction is a critical factor influencing employee engagement and performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, yet several challenges undermine its prevalence. Common issues include poor working conditions, limited career advancement opportunities, inadequate compensation, and work-life imbalance. For instance, inadequate resources and lack of managerial support often led to frustration and low morale among employees, particularly in industries like manufacturing and services (Rahman, 2023). Similarly, limited opportunities for career progression can result in feelings of stagnation and disengagement, reducing employees' overall productivity and motivation (Ling & Wan, 2021).

Inadequate compensation also poses a significant challenge, as unfair or non-competitive pay structures contribute to dissatisfaction and higher turnover rates, particularly in sectors with intense competition for talent, such as technology and finance (Nasir et al., 2023). Additionally, poor work-life balance, often caused by long working hours and high job demands, leads to burnout and decreased performance. For example, employees in the financial sector frequently report stress and lack of support, which diminishes job satisfaction and organizational commitment (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

Addressing these issues is essential to improving job satisfaction and fostering a productive workforce. Implementing flexible work arrangements, such as remote work or flexible hours, can help employees balance professional and personal responsibilities. Providing clear pathways for career advancement and competitive compensation packages can boost morale and retention. For instance, companies in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector that have adopted flexible policies, and enhanced benefits have reported higher employee satisfaction and reduced turnover (Rahimi et al., 2023). A positive and supportive work environment that recognizes employees' contributions and offers opportunities for growth is essential for enhancing job satisfaction and organizational performance in Malaysia's private sector.

## **2.5 Motivation**

Motivation encompasses the internal and external factors that drive employees to achieve organizational goals. It includes intrinsic motivation, which arises from internal satisfaction such as personal growth, job satisfaction, and a desire to excel, and extrinsic

motivation, which is influenced by external rewards such as salary, recognition, and job security (Ryan & Deci, 2020). Both types of motivation are essential for maintaining high engagement, creativity, and persistence in achieving tasks. Intrinsic motivation is particularly linked to enhanced problem-solving and innovation, while extrinsic motivation plays a crucial role in attracting and retaining talent, particularly in competitive job markets (Nasir et al., 2023).

Effective motivational strategies combine intrinsic and extrinsic elements to sustain employee performance and engagement. For instance, opportunities for career advancement and recognizing employees' accomplishments significantly increase motivation (Rahman, 2023). Additionally, aligning employees' goals with organizational objectives helps employees perceive their contributions as valuable, fostering higher levels of commitment. Motivation is also heavily influenced by the work environment and organizational culture. A supportive, inclusive culture that values employee contributions and provides a positive atmosphere boosts motivation, productivity, and job satisfaction (Rahimi et al., 2023).

### **2.5.1 Importance of Motivation in Peninsular Malaysia's Private Sector**

In Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, motivation plays a crucial role in driving employee engagement and performance, yet several challenges hinder its effectiveness. Common issues include lack of recognition, inadequate compensation, limited career growth opportunities, and poor working conditions. Employees who feel undervalued due to a lack of recognition often experience decreased motivation and engagement, which

directly affects performance (Rahimi et al., 2023). Similarly, inadequate compensation systems lead to dissatisfaction and higher turnover rates, while limited career advancement opportunities leave employees feeling stagnant and unmotivated (Ling & Wan, 2021).

In the context of Malaysia's private sector, motivational strategies often fail to cater to the diverse needs of a multicultural workforce. For example, a retail company struggling to motivate its sales team in a high-pressure environment might benefit from implementing incentive programs that reward both individual and team achievements (Rahman, 2023). However, an over-reliance on extrinsic motivators such as financial incentives without addressing intrinsic motivators may lead to diminishing returns over time. Poor work conditions, particularly in the manufacturing and technology sectors, further exacerbate motivational issues, resulting in lower productivity and higher absenteeism rates (Nasir et al., 2023).

Addressing these issues requires personalized and comprehensive motivational strategies tailored to employees' unique needs. Flexible work arrangements, career advancement programs, and recognition systems are examples of effective interventions that align organizational goals with employee satisfaction. For instance, in the technology sector, providing employees with professional development opportunities and recognizing their achievements has been shown to significantly improve retention and motivation (Yusof & Musa, 2022). By implementing these strategies, organizations in Peninsular

Malaysia can create a motivated workforce that drives productivity, engagement, and overall organizational success.

## 2.6 Conceptual Framework

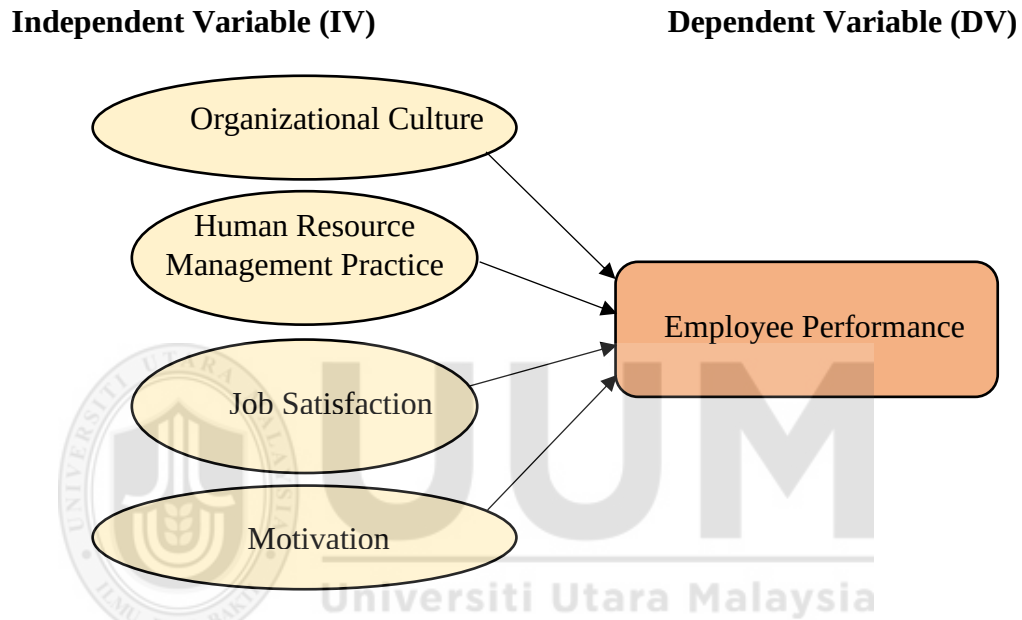


Figure 2.1  
*Conceptual Framework*

The conceptual framework illustrates the relationship between four independent variables of Organizational Culture, Human Resource Management Practices, Job Satisfaction and Motivation, and the dependent variable on Employee Performance. It proposes that each independent variable directly influences employee performance in the private sector of Peninsular Malaysia. Organizational culture sets the foundation by shaping employee behavior and engagement, while HRM practices provide strategies and support to align employee efforts with organizational goals. Job satisfaction ensures employees remain

committed and guided, while intrinsic and extrinsic motivation drives their sustained productivity and performance. This framework is conceptualized based on the Social Exchange Theory (SET), which emphasizes reciprocal relationships between employees and organizations, suggesting that when organizations invest in supportive practices and positive work environments, employees are more likely to reciprocate with enhanced performance. Together, these factors form a comprehensive framework for understanding and enhancing employee performance.

## **2.7 Development of Hypotheses**

### **2.7.1 Relationship between Organizational Culture and Employee Performance**

Organizational culture encompasses the values, beliefs, and norms that shape the work atmosphere and influence employee behaviour (Nasir et al., 2023). A strong, positive organizational culture enhances employee morale, fosters teamwork, and promotes a sense of belonging, all of which contribute to higher performance levels (Rahimi et al., 2023). Conversely, a misaligned or toxic culture often leads to low morale, high turnover, and poor performance (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

Organizational culture has a significant influence on shaping employee behaviour and attitudes, which subsequently relations to the performance. A positive organizational culture fosters an environment where employees feel valued, supported, and guided to contribute to the organization's success (Ling & Wan, 2021). Empirical studies demonstrate that a strong, cohesive culture enhances employee performance by promoting shared goals and values (Ng et al., 2021). For instance, organizations that align their

culture with employee needs and reward innovation experience improved performance outcomes.

In Peninsular Malaysia, the multicultural workforce requires an inclusive and adaptive organizational culture to enhance performance (Rahman, 2023). This hypothesis suggests that an organizational culture aligning with employees' values and promoting a supportive and inclusive environment results in higher employee performance. Empirical studies show that cohesive cultures improve efficiency and productivity by fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose (Nasir et al., 2023). Therefore, it is anticipated that companies with a strong, positive culture demonstrate higher levels of employee performance.

**Hypothesis 1 (H1):** There is a significant relationship between organizational culture and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

### **2.7.2 Relationship between Human Resource Management Practice and Employee Performance**

Human Resource Management (HRM) practices involve strategies and procedures aimed at managing the workforce effectively (Rahimi et al., 2023). Effective HRM practices, such as comprehensive training, fair performance appraisals, and competitive compensation, are crucial for aligning employees' skills, forces, and behaviours with organizational goals (Nguyen et al., 2020).

HRM practices are essential for aligning the workforce's capabilities with the organization's goals, thereby strengthening employee performance. Effective HRM practices, such as extensive recruitment, training and development programs, and fair performance appraisals, ensure that employees are well-equipped and responsible to perform their tasks (Ling & Wan, 2021). Research indicates that well-implemented HRM practices lead to higher job satisfaction, increased retention, and improved performance (Nasir et al., 2023). In the context of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, outdated HRM practices have been identified as barriers to optimal performance, highlighting the need for modernized and inclusive HR strategies (Rahman, 2023).

Thus, this hypothesis posits that well-implemented HRM practices enhance employee capabilities and motivation, leading to improved performance. Empirical evidence indicates that HRM practices such as rigorous recruitment, skill development, and fair compensation systems directly influence employee performance by fostering a supportive work environment (Ng et al., 2021). Consequently, effective HRM practices are expected to lead to higher employee performance in the private sector.

**Hypothesis 2 (H2):** There is a significant relationship between HRM Practice and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

### **2.7.3 Relationship between Job Satisfaction and Employee Performance**

Job satisfaction referred to employees' contentment with their job roles and environment, including factors such as work conditions, relationships, and career opportunities (Nasir et al., 2023). High job satisfaction is associated with increased engagement, commitment, and performance (Rahimi et al., 2023).

Job satisfaction is a crucial factor influencing employee performance. Employees who are satisfied are more likely to feel engaged and committed to their tasks, resulting in higher performance levels (Ling & Wan, 2021). Empirical evidence suggests that job satisfaction positively relates to productivity, reduced turnover, and enhanced overall organizational performance (Rahman, 2023). In Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, job satisfaction is often shaped by factors such as work-life balance, job security, and recognition (Ng et al., 2021). Therefore, creating supportive policies and practices that enhance job satisfaction can improve performance.

For example, employees in high-pressure jobs with long hours and little recognition often experience low job satisfaction, leading to burnout and decreased performance. Studies demonstrate that job satisfaction reduces absenteeism and turnover while enhancing overall performance (Nasir et al., 2023). Therefore, it is expected that higher job satisfaction leads to better employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

**Hypothesis 3 (H3):** There is a significant relationship between job satisfaction and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

#### **2.7.4 Relationship between Motivation and Employee Performance**

Motivation encompasses both intrinsic and extrinsic factors that drive employees to achieve organizational goals (Ryan & Deci, 2020). Intrinsic motivation involves engaging in work for inherent satisfaction, while extrinsic motivation involves external rewards such as salary and recognition (Rahimi et al., 2023). Motivated employees are more engaged, committed, and productive, leading to higher performance.

Motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, is a key driver of employee performance. Intrinsic motivation involves doing work for inherent satisfaction, while extrinsic motivation involves external rewards such as salary and recognition (Nasir et al., 2023). Studies show that motivated employees are more engaged, committed, and productive, which enhances overall performance (Ling & Wan, 2021).

In Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, motivational strategies often lack customization to address the diverse needs of the workforce (Rahman, 2023). For example, a retail company struggling to motivate its sales team in a high-pressure environment implemented incentive programs that rewarded both individual and team achievements, which boosted motivation and performance (Ng et al., 2021).

This hypothesis posits that motivated employees exhibit higher performance levels. Empirical research shows that both intrinsic and extrinsic motivators play crucial roles in enhancing employee performance (Rahimi et al., 2023). Therefore, it is expected that increased motivation, whether through meaningful work or adequate rewards, leads to better employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

**Hypothesis 4 (H4):** There is a significant relationship between motivation and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

## **2.8 Underpinning Theory**

Social Exchange Theory (SET) offered a valuable framework to conceptualize workplace dynamics, emphasizing the reciprocal exchange of both tangible and intangible resources, such as rewards, recognition, information, and support (Nasir et al., 2023). Tangible exchanges include monetary compensation, career advancement opportunities, and benefits, while intangible exchanges involve trust, respect, and acknowledgment of effort. SET posited that relationships between individuals or groups thrived on mutually beneficial exchanges, fostering trust and cooperation over time (Rahimi et al., 2023). In the context of an organization, this theory suggested that when employees perceived positive treatment, such as fair rewards, professional development opportunities, or a supportive work environment, they reciprocated with improved performance, loyalty, and engagement (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

For example, a technology firm in Peninsular Malaysia that introduced employee recognition programs, including tangible rewards like monthly bonuses and intangible acknowledgments such as public praise, signalled its appreciation for employee contributions. In return, employees responded with heightened commitment, motivation, and productivity, reinforcing a positive cycle of performance and mutual benefit (Ng et al., 2021). The application of SET within an organization underlined how reciprocal exchanges shape employee behaviour, driving a positive work environment and sustainable outcomes. Employees who felt fairly treated and valued were more likely to invest greater effort, enhancing both individual and organizational performance (Ling & Wan, 2021).

This reciprocal process created a virtuous cycle where employees' engagement, innovation, and collaboration flourished as they aligned their goals with those of the organization. This concept aligned directly with the purpose of this study, which examined the relationship between organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation on employee performance. Each element of the conceptual framework reflected a unique facet of the reciprocal exchange between the employer and employees, as elaborated below.

Firstly, organizational culture played a significant role in influencing employee behaviour by establishing shared values, norms, and practices. A culture that aligned with employees' personal values and promoted teamwork, open communication, and inclusiveness encouraged employees to reciprocate with positive behaviours (Rahimi et

al., 2023). For example, when a manufacturing company in Peninsular Malaysia fostered a collaborative culture, employees were more likely to share knowledge and work cohesively, resulting in improved performance (Nasir et al., 2023). The exchange became mutually beneficial when employees felt a sense of belonging, while the organization benefited from their commitment to shared goals. This is particularly significant in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, where diverse workforces require inclusive and adaptive cultures to sustain performance (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

Similarly, HRM practices represented another key dimension of SET within the workplace. When organizations provided continuous learning opportunities, fair performance evaluations, and competitive compensation packages, employees interpreted these actions as a sign of the organization's investment in their growth and well-being (Nguyen et al., 2020). For example, a logistics firm in Peninsular Malaysia offering robust training programs enhanced employee skills, resulting in increased loyalty and productivity. Employees, in turn, were motivated to apply newly acquired competencies to achieve high performance. This reciprocal dynamic was particularly relevant in Peninsular Malaysia's competitive private sector, where companies needed to modernize HR practices to attract and retain talent while meeting evolving workforce demands (Ling & Wan, 2021).

The concept of job satisfaction was also deeply connected to SET, reflecting how well employees' expectations and needs were met by their work roles and environment. According to Homans (1958), satisfied employees felt an obligation to reciprocate by

exerting greater effort, displaying higher levels of commitment, and maintaining consistent performance. Organizations that supported work-life balance, offered meaningful recognition, and fostered respectful workplace relationships cultivated trust and satisfaction among employees. For example, companies in Peninsular Malaysia's service industry that provided flexible working arrangements and public acknowledgment of contributions experienced higher engagement and reduced turnover (Rahimi et al., 2023). In return, employees demonstrated greater productivity and a stronger commitment to organizational goals.

Finally, motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic, played a pivotal role in reinforcing the reciprocal exchanges within organizations. Intrinsic motivation, driven by personal growth and job satisfaction, often led employees to go beyond their job requirements, while extrinsic motivation, through financial rewards or public recognition, amplified their dedication (Nasir et al., 2023). For instance, in Peninsular Malaysia's retail sector, providing incentives for achieving sales targets and celebrating achievements during team meetings boosted individual and collective motivation. Employees reciprocated with increased effort and innovation, fostering a supportive and high-performing work environment (Saraih et al., 2021).

In conclusion, the integration of SET within the conceptual framework of this study provided a comprehensive understanding of how reciprocal exchanges between employers and employees shaped key organizational outcomes. By nurturing a positive atmosphere where employees felt valued and supported through effective organizational culture, HRM

practices, job satisfaction, and motivation, companies in Peninsular Malaysia achieved sustainable performance and employee well-being. These interconnected elements reflected the study's focus on employee performance, highlighting how positive exchanges led to mutual benefit for both employees and organizations. This conceptualization underscored the importance of building a work environment that promoted trust, fairness, and recognition, ensuring that both organizational and personal goals were achieved in tandem.

## **2.9 Chapter Summary**

Literature on factors influencing variables on employee performance in Malaysia's private sector synthesized empirical and theoretical research, leading to the development of hypotheses that identified the most significant contributors to employee performance. Additionally, underpinning theories, such as Social Exchange Theory provide a broad framework to understand the relationships. The techniques employed for data collection and analysis in this study were covered in detail in the next chapter.

## **CHAPTER THREE:**

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

This chapter summarizes the research methodology used to examine the independent variables on employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. It details the research framework and hypotheses, research design, questionnaire development, and measurement techniques used to capture relevant data. The chapter also addresses data collection methods, ensuring reliability and validity through a pilot test and refinement process. Sampling techniques, population, and sample size are explained to ensure the findings are representative and generalizable. Finally, the chapter concludes with a summary of the methodology.

#### **3.1 Research Framework and Hypotheses**

The research framework for this study, presented in Figure 2.1, was based on the conceptual relationships between the independent variables (organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation) and the dependent variable (employee performance) in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector companies. The hypotheses developed in Chapter 2 guided the investigation and were outlined as follows:

H1: There is a significant relationship between organizational culture and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

H2: There is a significant relationship between HRM Practice and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

H3: There is a significant relationship between job satisfaction and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

H4: There is a significant relationship between motivation and employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

### **3.2 Research Design**

The research design served as the primary guide for the researcher as they developed this study. Determining the study population, sample size, and other vital variables was necessary before data collection began. The measures required to accomplish the research specifications were laid out in the research design. A quantitative research strategy was selected due to its efficiency in gathering information, conducting surveys, and deriving statistical insights from the collected data (Creswell & Creswell, 2020). Understanding the relationships between the variables and testing the hypotheses that came into effect suggested the implementation of statistical, mathematical, or computational techniques, which quantitative research developed as practicable (Hair et al., 2021). To ensure diverse and representative data, the study's sample mainly involved employees from a broad range of private sector companies in Peninsular Malaysia.

This study employed a cross-sectional survey method to gather data from employees working in various private sector companies across Peninsular Malaysia. A cross-sectional survey was advantageous as it enabled the gathering of data at a specific period,

delivering a glimpse of the present situation (Bell et al., 2022). This method is particularly suitable for identifying patterns and correlations between different variables within a large population. Conducting surveys allows for the efficient gathering of substantial data within a brief period, which is beneficial in ensuring that the research is conducted within a reasonable timeframe (Bryman et al., 2021). This diversity helped in understanding how different sectors experienced variations in organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation, and how these factors collectively influenced employee performance.

### **3.3 Questionnaire Design**

A comprehensive questionnaire was developed. The questionnaire included a few sections on demographic information, organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance. Each section was designed to gather specific data that will be analyzed to test the proposed hypotheses and draw meaningful conclusions. The questionnaire was designed based on established scales from past research to guarantee validity and reliability. The questionnaire comprised 63 items divided into six sections: each designed captured key information relevant to the study. Section A focused on Demographic Information about the respondents, including gender, age, race, marital status, educational qualifications, economic sector, length of service, employment status, and job position. Demographic data is essential to ensure that the sample precisely represented the target population.

Section B introduced the first independent variable, assessing employees' perceptions of organizational culture through thirteen items. These items measured various cultural elements within the organization that influenced behavior and performance. Section C evaluated twelve items in effectiveness of HRM Practice within the organization, focusing on recruitment, training, performance appraisal, compensation, and employee relations. Section D addressed the third independent variable, job satisfaction, through eleven items. This section explored employees' contentment with their roles, work environment, and opportunities for growth within the organization. Section E focused on motivation, measuring both intrinsic (internal satisfaction) and extrinsic motivation (external rewards) with twelve items. This section identified what drove employees to perform well, whether through personal fulfillment or external incentives.

Finally, Section F examined the dependent variable, employee performance, using six items. This section evaluated employees' ability to meet job expectations, adhere to organizational standards, and contribute effectively to their roles. This structured design ensures that the questionnaire covered all relevant aspects, providing comprehensive data to analyze the relationships between organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance. The questionnaire was available in both English and Bahasa Malaysia (BM) to ensure comprehensibility and inclusivity for all respondents. Translating the questionnaire into BM ensured that language barriers did not affect the accuracy of responses. Each section used a Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree), 2 (disagree), 3 (neutral), 4 (agree) to 5 (strongly agree). The Likert

scale is widely used in survey research to measure attitudes, opinions, and perceptions, providing a range of responses that captured the intensity of the respondents' feelings (Likert, 1932).

### **3.4 Research Measurement**

The research measurement in this study utilized a structured questionnaire designed to capture the various dimensions of organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance. Each section of the questionnaire is based on established scales from previous research to ensure the reliability and validity of the measurement instruments. To ensure clarity and precision in this study, each variable was operationally defined based on established scales from previous research to ensure clarity, precision, and validity in measurement (Bell et al., 2022). These operational definitions provide a concrete basis for measurement and analysis. The measures are listed in Table 3.1 until Table 3.5 along with their sources.

#### **3.4.1 Employee Performance Measures**

Employee performance, as defined by Abdirahman, Najeemdeen, Abidemi & Ahmad (2018), refers to the effectiveness with which employees execute their job responsibilities. This includes task completion, adherence to standards, problem-solving abilities, and overall efficiency in their roles. The survey utilized in the present study was altered from Abdirahman et al. (2018) and consists of six items that evaluate various aspects of performance in organizational settings.

The questionnaire employs a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). This scale enables employees to express their level of agreement with statements related to their understanding of performance criteria, job execution, attendance, and adherence to standard operating procedures. This proved measure proposed trustworthy insight into the elements that influence employee performance to encourage the success of the company.

Table 3.1  
*Employee Performance Items*

| <b>Operational Definition &amp; Source</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      | <b>Item</b>                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee performance referred to how effectively employees fulfilled their job responsibilities. It includes aspects such as task completion, adherence to standards, problem-solving, and overall efficiency.<br><br>Source:<br>Abdirahman et al. (2018). | EP 1 | I understood the performance review criteria established by my organization. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EP 2 | I had a clear understanding of my job and how to perform it effectively.     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EP 3 | I was able to manage and resolve unexpected scheduling issues promptly.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EP 4 | I maintained an excellent attendance record in this organization.            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EP 5 | I effectively and efficiently carried out the duties assigned to me.         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EP 6 | I was well-acquainted with the standard operating procedures for my job.     |

### 3.4.2 Organizational Culture Measures

This study adopts a questionnaire developed by Agbaworde (2016), comprising six items designed to assess employees' perceptions of how organizational culture affects their behavior and performance.

The questionnaire uses a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), allowing respondents to express the intensity of their agreement with each statement. Items explore practical aspects such as recognition, customer focus, and employee welfare, providing a comprehensive assessment of organizational culture's impact on employee performance. This validated measure ensures reliable insights into the relationship between organizational culture and employee performance.

Table 3.2  
*Organizational Culture Items*

| Operational Definition<br>& Source                                                                                                                        |      | Item                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Organizational culture referred to the shared values, beliefs, and practices that shaped the social and psychological environment within an organization. | OC 1 | The culture of the organization influences my behaviour and work performance.                         |
|                                                                                                                                                           | OC 2 | Most employees are giving the mandate to make real contribution to the success of their organization. |
|                                                                                                                                                           | OC 3 | My company place importance on employee welfare and takes responsibility for it.                      |

Table 3.2 (Continued)

| <b>Operational Definition<br/>&amp; Source</b>                                      | <b>Item</b>                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| It includes dimensions such as involvement, consistency, adaptability, and mission. | My organization prioritizes meeting customer needs, ensuring results are more important than strictly following organizational procedures. |
| OC 4                                                                                | Recognition in my organization motivates me and provides satisfaction.                                                                     |
| OC 5                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| Source:<br>Agbaworde, L. S., (2016)                                                 | The organizational culture motivates me and provides satisfaction.                                                                         |
| OC 6                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |

### 3.4.3 Human Resources Management (HRM) Practice Measures

These practices include performance appraisal and training programs, which influence employee attitudes, satisfaction, and skill development. Five items assessing the effect of HRM practices on employee performance were incorporated in the questionnaire utilized in this study, which was modified from Kueh's (2022) research.

The questionnaire utilizes a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). This scale permits respondents to express the extent of their agreement with statements about HRM Practice such as performance appraisals and professional development opportunities. The scale ensures reliable data collection on how HRM strategies affect employee outcomes.

Table 3.3  
*Human Resources Management (HRM) Practice Items*

| <b>Operational Definition &amp; Source</b> |           | <b>Item</b> |                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HRM                                        | Practice  | HRM 1       | I receive precise and accurate appraisal from my manager on my past performance.               |
| encompass                                  | the       |             |                                                                                                |
| strategies,                                | policies, |             |                                                                                                |
| and practices designed                     |           | HRM 2       | My company provides an environment that stimulates learning strategies and professional growth |
| to manage people in an                     |           |             |                                                                                                |
| organization                               |           |             |                                                                                                |
| effectively.                               |           |             |                                                                                                |
| Source:                                    |           | HRM 3       | HRM practices in my company positively influence my attitudes, morale, and behaviour.          |
| Kueh, D. Y. H. (2022).                     |           | HRM 4       | I am satisfied with the policies implemented in my organization.                               |
|                                            |           | HRM 5       | The training and development programs offered enhance my professional expertise and skills.    |

#### 3.4.4 Job Satisfaction Measures

Job satisfaction, as defined by Alemnew (2014), referred to the extent to which employees felt content with their job roles and work environment. It encompassed key aspects such as compensation, promotion opportunities, supervision, and the nature of the work itself. This study employs a questionnaire developed by Alemnew (2014), comprising six items that assess various dimensions of job satisfaction.

The questionnaire utilizes a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). This scale captures employees' perceptions and experiences regarding their job satisfaction, including fairness in pay, relationships with colleagues and supervisors, and the intellectual challenges of their roles. This validated tool provides insights into how job satisfaction impacts employee performance and engagement.

Table 3.4  
*Job Satisfaction Items*

| Operational Definition<br>& Source                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Item                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Job satisfaction described how content employees felt with their roles and work environment. It included key factors such as salary, opportunities for promotion, support from supervisors, additional benefits, and the nature of their tasks. | JS 1 I am generally satisfied with the work I do, considering my job as a whole.                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JS 2 I perceive that the pay I receive is fair & equitable.                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JS 3 I am satisfied with the opportunities for promotion and career advancement to higher positions. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JS 4 The people I worked with or interacted with in relation to my job were supportive and pleasant. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | JS 5 My supervisor appreciates the good work I do.                                                   |
| Source:<br>Alemnew, A., (2014)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | JS 6 My job is mentally stimulating and offers a variety of responsibilities.                        |

#### **3.4.5 Motivation Measures**

Singh (2023) defines motivation as the internal and external forces that drive employees to undertake initiatives that advance organizational objectives. It encompasses intrinsic motivation, which stems from internal satisfaction, and extrinsic motivation, which is influenced by external rewards such as financial incentives or recognition. The questionnaire used in this study was adapted from Singh (2023) and comprises six items designed to assess the key dimensions of employee motivation.

The questionnaire employs a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). This scale captures employees' perceptions of various motivational factors, including financial and non-financial incentives, recognition, promotion, and advancement opportunities. This validated measure provides insights into how motivation impacts employee engagement and performance within an organizational context.

Table 3.5  
*Motivation Items*

| Operational Definition &<br>Source                                                                                                          | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Motivation referred to the internal and external factors that stimulated employees to take actions aimed at achieving organizational goals. | <p>MV 1 Financial incentives provided by my organization motivate me to perform better.</p> <p>MV 2 Non-financial incentives, such as recognition or flexible work arrangements, motivate me to perform better.</p>  |
| It includes both intrinsic motivation (driven by internal satisfaction) and extrinsic motivation (driven by external rewards).              | <p>MV 3 I am satisfied with the benefits and facilities provided by my company, which enhance my motivation.</p> <p>MV 4 Appreciation and recognition by the organization motivate me to improve my performance.</p> |
| Source:<br>Singh, D., (2023).                                                                                                               | <p>MV 5 Promotions offered in my company contribute to improving my work performance.</p> <p>MV 6 Opportunities for career advancement in my company help me to achieve better performance.</p>                      |

### **3.5 Sample and Unique of Analysis**

#### **3.5.1 Population**

The population of this study included employees working in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM,2023), the employment statistics for the year 2023 indicated that the labor force participation rate stood at 69.0%, with the majority employed in the services sector (63.3%) as the largest employment sector, with around 10.3 million people employed in 2023, included with a wide range of activities such as finance, healthcare, retail, education, and tourism.

This sector played a crucial role in the economic diversification of the country and development followed by industry (27.5%) which encompassing manufacturing, construction, and mining, the industry sector employed about 4.5 million people in 2023. This sector is pivotal for Malaysia's economic growth and technological advancement and agriculture (9.2%), this sector includes activities related to farming, forestry, fishing, and related services. In 2023, approximately 1.5 million people were employed in this sector, making it a significant part of the rural economy (DOSM, 2023). This population's diversity ensured the study captured a wide range of viewpoints and experiences, which was vital to understanding the complex factors influencing employee performance. (DOSM, 2023).

#### **3.5.2 Sample**

A common statistical tool for power analysis, **G\*Power 3.1**, was used in determining the study's sample size. Given that the research focuses on assessing the influences of

organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation on employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector company, a multiple linear regression model was chosen as the appropriate method to analyze the relationships among variables. To ensure that the study had sufficient power to detect meaningful effects, an a priori power analysis was performed using the following parameters:

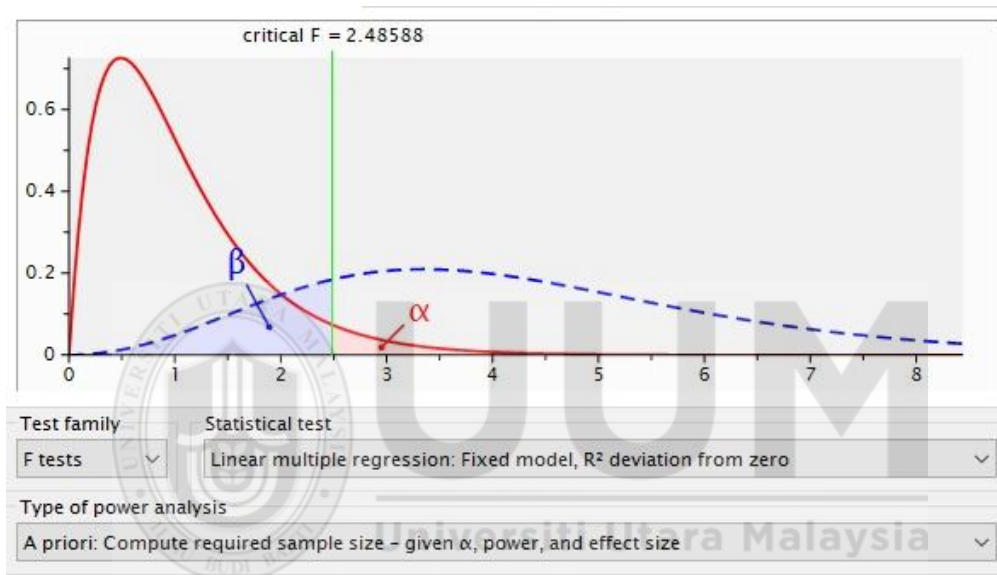


Figure 3.1  
*Central and Non-Central Distributions Analysis*

The decision to use a power of 0.80 was based on the common standards in social science research, where it balances practicality with statistical rigor. A higher power, such as 0.90 or 0.95, which required a larger sample size (108 or 129 participants, respectively), which may not be feasible within the constraints of this study. Thus, Cohen (1988) suggested that a power level of 0.80 which required a minimum of 85 participants provides a reasonable compromise between minimizing the risk of Type II errors (false negatives) and maintaining a manageable sample size.

### 3.5.3 Sampling Technique

To ensure the sample appropriately represented the diverse industries and organizational levels within the private sector, a random sampling technique was employed. This technique, a method of non-probability sampling, involved dividing the population into distinct subgroups based on shared characteristics and then randomly selecting samples from each stratum. This approach captured a comprehensive sector overview and organizational diversity, enhancing the generalizability of the findings (Nasir, Rahimi, & Omar, 2023).

Additionally, the snowball sampling method was employed to complement the random sampling approach. Snowball sampling is particularly suitable for studies requiring representation across diverse groups, as it enhances the precision and reliability of the sample by accounting for variations within the population (Taherdoost, 2016). A similar approach was adopted by Nguyen et al. (2020) in their study on employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, demonstrating that random sampling combined with snowball sampling improved the representativeness and reliability of survey data by ensuring adequate representation of all relevant subgroups. This combination aligns with the goals of this research to provide broader insights into employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector.

The survey timeline was estimated to be completed within one month, accounting for the distribution of surveys, collection of responses, and follow-up reminders to ensure a high response rate (Bell et al., 2022). Adhering to this timeline ensured that the study-

maintained data quality through rigorous follow-ups while staying within the planned schedule (Creswell & Creswell, 2020). By employing this approach, researchers minimized sampling bias, improved representativeness, and enhanced the precision of their results. This method was particularly useful in studies where researchers anticipated variability across different subgroups and aimed to capture these differences effectively (Nasir et al., 2023).

### **3.6 Data Collection**

A crucial stage of the research process was data collection, which involved obtaining the information required to test the hypotheses and address the research questions. The administration of the questionnaires took place from 1st August 2024 until 11th September 2024, allowing sufficient time for distribution, follow-up reminders, and the collection of completed surveys. Ethical considerations were paramount in this research. Participants received comprehensive information about the study, including its objectives, the fact that participation was voluntary, and the assurance that all procedures would remain confidential. Anonymity was maintained to encourage honest and accurate responses (Nasir, Rahimi, & Omar, 2023).

Respondents were required to spend approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire, with participation remaining entirely voluntary. To meet the target sample size of 85 respondents, approximately 150 surveys were distributed, accounting for potential non-responses and ensuring a robust dataset for analysis (Bell et al., 2022).

This over-sampling accounted for potential non-responses and ensured that the final sample size was sufficient.

This research employed a mixed-method approach for data collection, using both online and paper-based surveys to maximize coverage and achieve higher response rates. By employing both online and paper-based survey methods, this study maximized the reach and inclusiveness of the data collection process, ensuring a representative sample and robust data for analysis. Participants who failed to respond within the first time frame received follow-up reminders. This mixed-method approach is supported by the literature as an effective way to enhance response rates and data quality (Nguyen et al., 2020).

### **3.7 Pilot Test**

The pilot test reliability analysis, conducted with a sample size of  $n = 55$ , revealed varied Cronbach's alpha values for the constructs measured in this study. Human Resource Management (HRM) Practice achieved an acceptable alpha of 0.713, indicating consistency in measuring the construct. However, constructs such as Organizational Culture (OC) and Motivation (MV) yielded lower values of 0.419 and 0.486, respectively, highlighting challenges in measuring multidimensional constructs within a small sample size (Nasir, Rahimi, & Omar, 2023). These results suggest that some constructs, particularly those reflecting abstract or complex phenomena, may require additional refinement to achieve greater consistency and clarity.

Lower reliability scores in OC and MV may also reflect respondent variability in understanding or interpreting the questionnaire items, particularly for constructs that involve subjective perceptions, such as organizational values and motivational drivers. For example, respondents may have different cultural or individual biases that impact their responses, making it essential to rephrase or simplify ambiguous questions (Nguyen et al., 2020). Additionally, the reliability of constructs can be influenced by the number of items used, shorter scales often yield lower alpha values. Therefore, increasing the number of items to capture more dimensions of OC and MV may enhance their reliability (Bell et al., 2022).

It is also critical to address potential cognitive overload among respondents, as complex or overly abstract questions can reduce reliability. Simplifying the language and structure of the items will improve comprehension and lead to more consistent responses. Furthermore, consulting domain experts to validate the alignment of items with the theoretical framework can enhance the construct validity of the questionnaire. For instance, items in the OC construct can focus more explicitly on observable cultural practices, such as leadership behaviors or team collaboration dynamics, rather than abstract cultural norms (Rahimi et al., 2023).

Despite these lower reliability scores, proceeding with the actual research is justified for several reasons. First, the exploratory nature of this study acknowledges the iterative process of refining instruments. Pilot tests are designed to uncover potential issues and identify areas for refinement, serving as a preliminary step to improve the

reliability and validity of research instruments (Bell et al., 2022). For example, motivational constructs are inherently abstract and often present reliability challenges; however, refining these items with clearer operational definitions and practical examples can significantly improve consistency in subsequent testing.

Second, the small sample size of 55 participants, while sufficient for a pilot test, may not fully represent the diverse population of Peninsular Malaysia's private sector workforce. A larger sample in the main study will likely stabilize reliability estimates and provide more accurate measures of internal consistency. Constructs such as Employee Performance (EP) and Job Satisfaction (JS), with Cronbach's alpha values of 0.647 and 0.623, respectively, are already approaching acceptable levels, indicating potential for reliable measurement with a larger, more representative dataset (Yusof & Musa, 2022).

Third, the questionnaire is grounded in robust theoretical frameworks, lending confidence to its validity despite the reliability challenges identified in the pilot test. Theoretical grounding ensures that the constructs being measured align with well-established academic principles, even if initial reliability measures are suboptimal. For instance, a study by Saraih et al. (2021) encountered similar reliability issues in measuring motivation, which were resolved through iterative refinements and larger sample sizes in the main study. Such precedents reinforce the confidence to proceed with the current instrument.

Finally, the diversity of the sample in the pilot test, although limited in size, provided valuable insights into potential variations in responses across subgroups. This diversity underscores the importance of refining the instrument to account for these variations, particularly in a study involving a heterogeneous workforce like that in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. Proceeding to the main study with a refined questionnaire allows for a deeper exploration of these variations and ensures that the findings reflect the complexity of employee performance determinants.

### **3.8 Data Analysis Technique**

The data collected from the surveys were analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), a well-known instrument for handling complex data in social and behavioral studies. SPSS was chosen due to its broad range of statistical functions, making it suitable for summarizing, exploring, and interpreting data effectively (Bell et al., 2022). The analysis began with frequency statistics to provide an overview of how responses were distributed. This step uncovered patterns and trends within the dataset and ensured that the data was clean and ready for further analysis (Hair et al., 2021).

Descriptive statistics were then employed to summarize the sample and measures, providing insights into the dataset's key characteristics. Correlation analysis was utilized to determine the degree and direction of correlations among the study's variables. To test the research hypotheses, multiple regression analysis was applied. This methodology analyzed the influence of multiple independent variables on the dependent variable, providing a more comprehensive understanding of how various factors impacted

employee performance. By employing these analytical techniques, the study ensured that the data was thoroughly examined, leading to reliable conclusions about the relationships among the variables.

### **3.9 Chapter Summary**

This chapter outlined the methodology used to examine how organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation influence employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. It covered essential components such as the research framework, hypotheses, design, population, sampling techniques, questionnaire structure, measurement methods, data collection process, and analysis techniques. The methodology was designed to gather a well-rounded and representative sample that captured the diversity within Peninsular Malaysia's private sector workforce. This approach minimized sampling bias and ensured that the findings could be applied across various industries and organizational levels. By employing this method, the study provided deeper insights into the factors driving employee performance. The next chapter will present the analysis of the data and the key findings of the study.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **DATA ANALYSIS**

#### **4.0 Introduction**

This chapter presents the output of data collection and analysis. It covers the response rate, sociodemographic data, reliability and validity analysis, descriptive statistics, correlation, and regression analysis. The findings tested the hypotheses regarding the relationships between organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance.

#### **4.1 Response Rate**

The initial minimum target was to collect 85 valid responses to ensure sufficient data for statistical analysis. To achieve this, 150 questionnaires were distributed to employees across different Malaysian private sector. Despite the challenges in survey collection, the study successfully collected 105 valid responses, surpassing the targeted sample size. Out of the 150 surveys distributed, 45 surveys were unreturned or were incomplete and thus excluded from the analysis. A high response rate of 70% or more indicates robust participant engagement, contributing to the quality, reliability, and representativeness of the collected data (Bell et al., 2022; Nguyen et al., 2021).

Table 4.1  
*Survey Distribution and Response Rate*

*Summary of the total questionnaires and response rate*

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Target Response                 | 85  |
| Distributed Surveys             | 150 |
| Valid Responses Received        | 105 |
| Unreturned/Incomplete Surveys   | 45  |
| Percentage (%) of Response Rate | 70% |

## 4.2 Sociodemographic Data

Sociodemographic data were captured in the first section of the questionnaire. This section offering essential insights into the respondents' background characteristics, ensuring that the sample accurately reflected the workforce in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector and making the findings applicable to a broader population. These attributes, such as gender, age, race, education and employment status offer valuable context for interpreting how different factors may influence employee performance. Table 4.2 shows the sociodemographic data obtained from 105 respondents.

Table 4.2  
*Sociodemographic Characteristics of Respondents*

| Profile       | Variable | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|---------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Gender</b> | Male     | 42        | 40             |
|               | Female   | 63        | 60             |
| <b>Age</b>    | 21 – 30  | 65        | 61.9           |
|               | 31 – 40  | 24        | 22.9           |
|               | 41 – 50  | 11        | 10.5           |
|               | Above 50 | 5         | 4.8            |

Table 4.2 (Continued)

| <b>Profile</b>           | <b>Variable</b>                    | <b>Frequency</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Race</b>              | Chinese                            | 3                | 2.9                   |
|                          | Malay                              | 93               | 88.6                  |
|                          | Indian                             | 6                | 5.7                   |
|                          | Others (Iban, Melanau, etc.)       | 3                | 2.8                   |
| <b>Education</b>         | Degree                             | 63               | 60                    |
|                          | Master's                           | 15               | 14.3                  |
|                          | PHD/Doctorate                      | 1                | 1                     |
|                          | SPM                                | 8                | 7.6                   |
|                          | STPM/Diploma/A-Level/Matriculation | 18               | 17.1                  |
| <b>Employment Status</b> | Contract                           | 12               | 11.4                  |
|                          | Part Time                          | 7                | 6.7                   |
|                          | Permanent                          | 86               | 81.9                  |

The demographic data revealed several important insights into the sample's composition. Gender-wise, 60% of respondents are female and 40% are male, indicating a growing participation of women in the private sector, which suggested a need for gender-sensitive HR policies. Age distribution shows that most respondents (61.9%) are between 21-30 years old, reflecting a younger workforce that would benefit from career advancement programs and tailored motivation strategies. Race-wise, 88.6% of respondents are Malay, with small representations from Chinese (2.9%), Indian (5.7%), and other ethnicities (2.8%). This highlights the importance of inclusive HR policies that accommodate the needs of a multicultural workforce.

In terms of education, 60% hold a degree, 14.3% have a master's degree, and 17.1% possess a diploma or equivalent, reflecting a well-educated workforce. This indicates that organizations should provide continuous learning and professional development to meet the expectations of a highly qualified workforce. Employment status shows that 81.9% of respondents are permanent employees, suggesting a stable workforce, with 11.4% on contract and 6.7% part-time. This points to the importance of retention strategies and long-term engagement efforts.

#### **4.3 Reliability and Validity Analysis**

Reliability for each variable in this study was tested using Cronbach's Alpha, which checks if the survey questions are consistent in measuring the internal consistency. This analysis was essential in understanding how the independent variables (organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation) were related and how they influenced the dependent variable (employee performance) (Nasir, Rahimi, & Omar, 2023).

A Cronbach's alpha value of 0.70 or higher is generally considered acceptable for good reliability, though slightly lower values can be deemed adequate for exploratory research, depending on the context (Taber, 2018; Bell et al., 2022). In this research, employee performance had a strong reliability score of 0.821, and HRM Practice also showed good reliability at 0.785. Job satisfaction reached the acceptable threshold with 0.705, indicating it is a reliable measure. However, organizational culture scored 0.606, which is moderate and may need further improvement. Motivation had the lowest score

of 0.566, suggesting that its measurement might need to be revised or improved for better consistency.

These Cronbach 's Alpha values ensure the quality and trustworthiness of the data collected, leading to meaningful and reliable research outcomes shown in Table 4.3 of n=105.

Table 4.3  
*Results of reliability analysis*

| <b>Variables</b>                                     | <b>No. of<br/>Items</b> | <b>Reliability Cronbach's Alpha</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Employee Performance                                 | 6                       | 0.821                               |
| Organizational Culture                               | 6                       | 0.606                               |
| Human Resource Management<br>Practice (HRM Practice) | 5                       | 0.785                               |
| Job Satisfaction                                     | 6                       | 0.705                               |
| Motivation                                           | 6                       | 0.566                               |

#### **4.4 Descriptive Analysis**

To identify each of the key construct variables are indicated in this section. Table 4.4 presented the descriptive statistics for the primary variables in the study, including mean scores and standard deviations.

Table 4.4  
*Descriptive Analysis of the variables*

| N   | Variables                                            | Mean   | Std Deviation |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 105 | Employee Performance                                 | 4.1000 | .53088        |
| 105 | Organizational Culture                               | 3.8635 | .53498        |
| 105 | Human Resource Management Practice<br>(HRM Practice) | 3.8514 | .64273        |
| 105 | Job Satisfaction                                     | 3.7508 | .56383        |
| 105 | Motivation                                           | 3.8365 | .51317        |

The descriptive analysis provided an overview of the central tendencies and variability of the primary variables in this study, as outlined in Table 4.4. It highlighted key statistical measures such as mean scores and standard deviations, which help identify trends and response consistencies (Bell et al., 2022). Employee performance had the highest mean score of 4.10 with a standard deviation of 0.53, indicating that respondents rated their performance positively, with responses moderately clustered around the mean.

Organizational culture followed with a mean of 3.86 (SD = 0.53), suggesting that respondents generally perceive their organizational culture positively. This finding supports recent studies by Nguyen et al. (2020), which found that positive organizational culture enhances employee satisfaction and performance. HRM practices scored 3.85 (SD = 0.64), reflecting favorable perceptions of HRM strategies, though with slightly more variability in opinions.

Next, motivation has a mean score of 3.83 (SD = 0.51), indicating that employees generally feel motivated, though there is room for improvement in this area, given its moderate ranking (Lee & Chen, 2021). Job satisfaction, with a mean of 3.75 (SD = 0.56), ranks the lowest among the variables, indicating that employees generally feel motivated, though there is room for improvement in this area, given its moderate ranking (Lee & Chen, 2021). although still within the positive range. The small differences in mean scores across variables suggested that respondents generally have favorable views on employee performance, organizational culture, HRM Practice, motivation, and job satisfaction. The relatively low standard deviations across all variables, ranging from 0.51 to 0.64, show that responses were consistent, with minimal extreme values. The low standard deviations (ranging from 0.51 to 0.64) suggest consistency in responses, reflecting cohesive perspectives among participants (Pallant, 2020).

#### **4.5 Correlation Analysis**

The correlation analysis was conducted to examine the relationships between the independent variables organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation with the dependent variable, employee performance. The results, as shown in Table 4.5, reveal that all independent variables have statistically significant positive correlations with employee performance at the  $p < 0.05$  level. This suggests that improvements in these areas are associated with better performance outcomes. Among the variables, motivation shows the strongest positive correlation ( $r = 0.475$ ), indicating that as motivation levels increase, employee performance improves the most. This is consistent

with more recent studies by Van Yperen and Wörtler (2020), who found that motivated employees tend to achieve better outcomes and are more committed to their tasks.

Organizational culture also demonstrates a moderately strong positive correlation with employee performance ( $r = 0.448, p < 0.05$ ). This result supports the hypothesis (H1) that a positive and supportive organizational culture enhances employee performance. This finding aligns with studies by Kim et al. (2021), emphasizing that a strong and supportive culture positively influences employee behavior. Likewise, HRM Practice show a positive correlation ( $r = 0.440, p < 0.05$ ), suggesting that effective human resource strategies can positively be relative to employee performance, lending support to Hypothesis 2 (H2). These results align with the study by Nguyen and Tran (2021), which concluded that strategic HRM practices significantly enhance organizational performance by improving employee productivity and engagement.

On the other hand, job satisfaction has a weaker but still significant positive correlation with employee performance ( $r = 0.316, p < 0.05$ ). While job satisfaction is positively associated with performance, it has a relatively smaller effect compared to the other variables. This result aligns with Hypothesis 3 (H3) but suggests that other factors, such as motivation or organizational culture, may have a more direct impact on performance. This is consistent with the findings of Koo, Yu, and Han (2020), who argued that while job satisfaction contributes to better engagement, it may not always directly translate into performance gains. In conclusion, the correlation analysis confirms that all independent variables are positively related to employee performance, with motivation

showing the strongest correlation ( $r = 0.475$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), followed by organizational culture and HRM Practice.

Table 4.5  
*Correlation among variables construct*

| Variables                    | DV    | IV1   | IV2   | IV3   | IV4 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| DV - Employee Performance    | 1     |       |       |       |     |
| IV1 – Organizational Culture | .448* | 1     |       |       |     |
| IV2 – HRM Practice           | .440* | .564* | 1     |       |     |
| IV3 – Job Satisfaction       | .316* | .464* | .649* | 1     |     |
| IV4 - Motivation             | .475* | .585* | .643* | .667* | 1   |

Note: \*. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

#### 4.6 Regression Analysis

The multiple regression analysis was run to evaluate the combined effect of organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation on employee performance. The Model Summary reveals an R-squared ( $R^2$ ) value of 0.29, meaning that 29% of the variance in employee performance could be related by the four independent variables. This indicates that while these factors are important, there are likely other variables that influenced performance. The Adjusted R-squared value of 0.261 further confirms the model's reliability, slightly adjusting for the number of predictors. This is supported by Lee, Park, and Kim (2021), who highlighted that psychological factors such as motivation and organizational culture play a significant role in explaining a substantial portion of the variation in employee performance.

Table 4.6  
*Model of Summary*

| Model | R                 | R Square | Adjusted R Square | Std. Error of the Estimate |
|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1     | .538 <sup>a</sup> | .290     | .261              | .45631                     |

a. Predictors: (Constant), organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, motivation

The Coefficients table provided a closer look at the individual impact of each variable. Motivation emerged as the strongest predictor, with a standardized beta coefficient of 0.294 and a statistically significant p-value of 0.024, confirming (H4) is supported. This supports the work of Martins and Santos (2021), who found that motivated employees demonstrate higher levels of engagement and achieve better performance across diverse tasks. Organizational culture has a positive beta coefficient of 0.213, but its p-value of 0.054 which is very close to the conventional threshold of 0.05, we consider that (H1) result as indicative of support for the hypothesis (Lee & Chen, 2021). HRM Practice ( $\beta = 0.203$ ,  $p = 0.105$ ) and job satisfaction ( $\beta = -0.111$ ,  $p = 0.368$ ) do not have statistically significant effects on employee performance, meaning that (H2) and (H3) are not supported by the multiple regression analysis.

Table 4.7  
Multiple Regression Analysis

|                        | Unstandardized |           | Standardized     | t     | Sig. |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|-------|------|
|                        | Coefficients   |           | Coefficients     |       |      |
|                        | B              | Std.Error | Beta ( $\beta$ ) |       |      |
| (Constant)             | 1.862          | .381      |                  | 4.885 | .000 |
| Organizational Culture | .211           | .108      | .213             | 1.953 | .054 |
| HRM Practice           | .168           | .103      | .203             | 1.636 | .105 |
| Job Satisfaction       | -.104          | .115      | -.111            | -.904 | .368 |
| Motivation             | .304           | .133      | .291             | 2.287 | .024 |

Note: DV –Employee Performance

#### 4.7 Hypothesis Results

Table 4.8  
Result Summary of the hypothesis testing based on the linear regression analysis

| Hypothesis                                        | Relationship          | Regression Result                           | Decision |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| H1: Organizational Culture → Employee Performance | Positive Relationship | Significant at p=0.000; P<0.05 with r=0.448 | Accepted |
| H2: HRM Practice → Employee Performance           | Positive Relationship | Significant at p=0.000; P<0.05 with r=0.440 | Accepted |
| H3: Job Satisfaction → Employee Performance       | Positive Relationship | Significant at p=0.001; P<0.05 with r=0.316 | Accepted |
| H4: Motivation → Employee Performance             | Positive Relationship | Significant at p=0.000; P<0.05 with r=0.475 | Accepted |

#### **4.8 Chapter Summary**

Correlation and regression analyses presented the relationships between organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation with employee performance. The correlation analysis confirmed that all independent variables have significant positive correlations with employee performance, with motivation showing the strongest correlation. The regression analysis further revealed motivation is the most significant predictor of employee performance, while organizational culture has a marginal impact. HRM Practice and job satisfaction, though positively correlated with performance and no significant direct effects. Findings emphasize the importance of focusing on motivational strategies and organizational culture to enhance employee performance.



## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **CONCLUSION**

#### **5.0 Introduction**

This chapter synthesizes the research findings, providing an in-depth discussion of how organizational culture, human resource management (HRM) practices, job satisfaction, and motivation influence employee performance within Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. It reflects on the significance of these factors, explores their theoretical and practical implications, and highlights the study's limitations. Lastly, actionable insights and recommendations for future research are presented to guide improvements in employee performance.

#### **5.1 Discussion of Findings**

This section evaluated the primary findings of the research, offering a comparative analysis of how organizational culture, HRM Practice, job satisfaction, and motivation each contributed to employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. The results of the data analysis, presented in Chapter 4, underscored the importance of understanding these relationships in the Malaysia private sector.

##### **5.1.1 Organizational Culture and Employee Performance**

Amongst the major concerns discussed earlier in the research, organizational culture played a significant role in driving performance. Organizational culture has been defined

as the values, beliefs, and behaviors that define employee interaction within a working entity, and this should have provided a very strong positive influence on employee performance. It was hypothesized (H1) that the greater the organizational culture, the better the performance of the employees.

This finding confirmed the hypothesis that organizational culture correlates positively to employee performance, having a value of ( $r = 0.448$ ) and  $p < 0.05$ . It has been indicated that employees perform better while working in an environment where the values set by the company are clear, inclusive, and supportive. For example, in organizations that embrace innovation, their workers will be more proactive in seeking innovative ways of solving the issue at hand to enhance performance. For instance, firms embracing innovation observed proactive problem-solving behaviors among employees, consistent with Lee & Chen (2021), who noted that collaborative cultures drive engagement and productivity.

In Peninsular Malaysia's multicultural private sector, organizational culture becomes even more important. The expectations of certain workplace behaviors might be very different for employees coming from different cultural backgrounds. A company with an inclusive and adaptive culture, considering such differences, automatically assured more cohesion within the organization. This finding aligns with Lau et al. (2020), who demonstrated that inclusive and adaptive organizational cultures significantly enhance employee satisfaction and performance in culturally diverse workplaces.

### 5.1.2 Human Resource Management (HRM) and Employee Performance

HRM Practice, such as recruitment, training, and performance evaluations, are essential components of how organizations manage their workforce. Hypothesis (H2) predicted that proper HRM Practice would ensure that employees get the necessary support so that capability and motivation are available to accomplish their job effectively.

Indeed, the results showed that although there was a significance between the HRM Practice and employee performance, with ( $r = 0.440$ ) supporting (H2), this was not reflected in a statistically significant effect in the multiple regression analysis, ( $p = 0.105$ ). This, in fact, suggests that even though HRM Practice is vital, their direct influence on performance may be less important when compared to other factors like motivation. However, take away the fact that HRM Practice can create enabling environments for the growth of employees. For instance, Armstrong and Taylor (2020) established that effective HRM Practice, particularly those relating to the development of skills and performance feedback, act as critical enablers of employee engagement, even while the actual impact on performance may not always be immediate.

Therefore, organizations in Peninsular Malaysia are supposed to make their HRM practice more specific to human resource needs. For instance, training programs more attuned to the local context and performance appraisal mechanisms sensitive to culture would work well in building the interests of employees who, in turn, will give a higher performance. This aligns with Nguyen et al. (2020), who highlighted that strategic HR practices enhance employee engagement and productivity when aligned with

organizational needs. For instance, in Peninsular Malaysia's competitive industries like technology and services, tailored training programs that address local workforce needs are critical. Improved HRM practices focusing on skill development and fair appraisals create environments conducive to higher performance levels.

### **5.1.3 Job Satisfaction and Employee Performance**

It was hypothesized that job satisfaction, reflected in the depth at which employees are pleased with their job employed, was positively and significantly affecting employee performance. In this regard, various variables explain the level at which workers may express satisfaction with their jobs, including working conditions, job prospects, and remuneration, among others. The better the job satisfaction, the superior is the performance, because usually those who are content exhibit higher motivation in their performance.

However, there was a positive association of a lower magnitude between job satisfaction and performance, ( $r = 0.316$ ) supporting (H3), and multiple regression analysis did not reveal a statistically significant effect, ( $p = 0.368$ ). That would mean while job satisfaction contributed to the general well-being and retention of an employee, the direct influence on performance is minimal. For this reason, probably, employees who are satisfied tend to be more engaged, although not necessarily productive. Koo et al. (2020) similarly thought that job satisfaction does indeed lower turnover and absenteeism but may not be necessarily translated to immediate gains in performance.

This might be at least hypothetically imagined in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector in which job satisfaction could stem from such factors as job security and fair remuneration, but these would not of necessity drive better performance in cases where the work itself offers no skill development or advancement opportunities. Rahman and Hassan (2021) similarly presented evidence that, while job satisfaction plays a crucial role in ensuring employee retention and stability, its effect on performance can vary significantly depending on the job type and organizational context.

#### **5.1.4 Motivation and Employee Performance**

Motivation, both intrinsic and extrinsic or internal satisfaction from the work itself and external in nature such as through bonuses and recognition, would have the most significant relations on employee performance (H4). Indeed, motivation had the highest correlation to employee performance at ( $\beta = 0.294$ ,  $p = 0.024$ ).

This result underlined the most significant role that motivation plays in driving employee performance. Employees who are motivated either through personal achievement or through some kind of reward tend to put more effort into their job and are committed to organizational goals. Seems like motivated employees being more productive are more willing to make creative contributions to problem-solving and innovation.

Because of this, extrinsic motivators, such as performance bonuses, may therefore ensure higher sales in sales-driven industries, for instance. This is because employees are

motivated to try and meet and exceed their set targets. On the other hand, in fields such as technology or research, where intrinsic motivation often plays a more major role in driving employees, better performances are recorded when challenged with big projects or given an opportunity to explore new ideas. Martins and Santos (2021) also indicated that in practice, a balanced approach combining intrinsic and extrinsic motivators proves most effective in sustaining high levels of employee performance over the long term.

## **5.2 Implications of Study**

This study contributes to the theoretical understanding of employee performance by affirming the significant roles of organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, and motivation. It supports the Social Exchange Theory (SET), which posits that reciprocal exchanges between employees and employers foster trust, cooperation, and enhanced performance (Rahimi et al., 2023). These findings are consistent with the work of Martins and Santos (2021), who emphasized that both psychological and structural factors are critical in driving employee outcomes. The research reinforces SET by demonstrating how these reciprocal exchanges operate within the cultural and economic context of Peninsular Malaysia.

Motivation and organizational culture emerged as the most influential drivers of employee performance, extending the existing literature by contextualizing these factors within Peninsular Malaysia's private sector. Additionally, the study underscores the indirect yet critical roles of HRM practices and job satisfaction in creating enabling environments that support performance. This integration of findings contributes to the

broader discourse on human capital development, highlighting the importance of addressing cultural diversity and local workforce needs in improving organizational outcomes.

Beside this research offers actionable strategies for enhancing employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, focusing on motivation, organizational culture, HRM practices, and job satisfaction. Organizations should design balanced motivational strategies that integrate intrinsic motivators such as opportunities for personal growth and achievement with extrinsic rewards like bonuses and recognition programs. For example, tailored motivational initiatives can address specific workforce dynamics, ensuring employees remain engaged and productive (Lee & Tan, 2021). Moreover, fostering inclusive and innovative organizational cultures that align with employee values is essential for promoting collaboration, engagement, and productivity, particularly in Peninsular Malaysia's diverse workplaces.

Companies in Peninsular Malaysia should refine their HRM practices by developing localized recruitment, training, and appraisal systems that cater to the unique characteristics of Peninsular Malaysia's workforce. This ensures that employee skills and aspirations align with organizational goals. Finally, addressing foundational needs such as fair compensation and job security is vital for improving job satisfaction. Offering clear career progression opportunities can help translate satisfaction into measurable performance gains, ensuring that employees remain motivated and committed to achieving organizational success.

### 5.3 Limitations of Study

The cross-sectional design employed in this study provides a snapshot of the relationships between variables organizational culture, HRM practices, job satisfaction, motivation, and employee performance at a specific point in time. While useful for identifying correlations, this design lacks the ability to track changes or causal relationships over extended periods. For example, while motivation emerged as the most significant predictor of employee performance in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, it remains unclear how sustained motivation or fluctuating organizational culture might influence performance over time. A longitudinal study would allow researchers to monitor these variables and their interactions, offering deeper insights into their dynamic and evolving nature. For instance, the impact of a newly introduced motivational incentive program could be assessed over several years to evaluate its long-term effectiveness.

Additionally, this research exclusively targeted Peninsular Malaysia's private sector, which may limit the generalizability of findings to other regions or sectors. For example, organizational cultures in East Malaysia may differ significantly due to distinct socio-cultural dynamics, which could influence employee performance differently. Similarly, the public sector often operates under different performance metrics and HRM practices, which may yield different outcomes. Expanding the scope to include diverse sectors and regions could provide a more comprehensive understanding of how these factors impact employee performance across Malaysia's varied economic and cultural landscapes.

#### **5.4 Recommendation for Future Research**

Future research should adopt longitudinal designs to better understand how motivation, job satisfaction, and organizational culture influence employee performance over time. This approach would enable researchers to track changes and trends that evolve beyond the static insights offered by cross-sectional studies. For instance, examining the impact of ongoing organizational culture reforms in a manufacturing company over a three-year period could provide valuable insights into whether the initial positive effects are sustained or diminished over time. Longitudinal studies are particularly well-suited to capturing the dynamic relationships between variables and identifying causal pathways that may not be apparent in single-point analyses.

Comparative cross-sectoral studies could also yield tailored strategies for enhancing performance by exploring differences between public and private sectors or industries such as technology and manufacturing. For example, in technology firms where innovation is critical, intrinsic motivators such as opportunities for personal growth might play a more prominent role in driving performance. Conversely, in the manufacturing industry, extrinsic motivators such as bonuses and financial incentives may have a greater impact. Understanding these sector-specific dynamics would help organizations develop targeted interventions that align with the unique demands of each industry, thereby maximizing employee performance.

Additionally, there is a need to investigate innovative HRM practices tailored to regional and industrial challenges. For example, HR strategies in East Malaysia may need to address unique cultural and geographical factors by providing flexible work arrangements for employees in remote areas. Similarly, industries like technology could benefit from agile HRM practices that support continuous learning and rapid adaptation to changing market demands. Ensuring these HRM strategies align with workforce diversity and organizational objectives will not only enhance employee performance but also enable organizations to remain competitive in dynamic business environments. These areas of future research will provide deeper, actionable insights into improving employee performance across different contexts and regions.

## **5.5 Conclusion**

In conclusion, this study has demonstrated that motivation plays a pivotal role in driving employee performance within the private sector in Peninsular Malaysia, emerging as the most influential factor among the variables analyzed. The findings in Chapter 4 revealed that motivation had the strongest correlation and regression impact on employee performance, reinforcing the theoretical insights discussed in Chapter 2, where motivation was highlighted as a key driver of engagement, productivity, and innovation (e.g., Ryan & Deci, 2020; Martins & Santos, 2021). Motivation, whether intrinsic (personal growth and achievement) or extrinsic (financial rewards and recognition), creates an environment where employees are more committed, engaged, and willing to exceed expectations, contributing significantly to organizational success. This underscores the importance for

companies to implement balanced motivational strategies that integrate both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards to sustain high levels of performance.

Organizational culture was the second most significant factor influencing performance, as highlighted in the findings. A strong, inclusive, and innovative culture fosters employee collaboration, alignment with organizational values, and a sense of belonging, all of which are crucial for enhancing performance. These findings align with the theoretical perspectives in Chapter 2, which emphasized the role of organizational culture in creating cohesive and high-performing teams (e.g., Schein, 2010; Lau et al., 2020). Particularly in Peninsular Malaysia's multicultural context, fostering a culture that accommodates diversity and promotes inclusivity is critical for ensuring cohesion and sustained performance improvements.

While HRM practices and job satisfaction did not demonstrate the same level of direct influence on employee performance, their roles remain essential in creating the foundational support for motivation and culture. The findings in Chapter 4 indicated that HRM practices, such as recruitment, training, and performance appraisal, indirectly contribute to performance by equipping employees with the necessary skills and aligning their goals with organizational objectives. Similarly, job satisfaction, though not directly correlated with performance gains, enhances employee engagement, reduces turnover, and supports long-term organizational stability. These outcomes align with the discussions in Chapter 2, where HRM practices and job satisfaction were identified as enablers of an effective workforce (e.g., Armstrong & Taylor, 2020; Lim & Ling, 2018).

Ultimately, this study provides a clear roadmap for organizations in Peninsular Malaysia's private sector to enhance employee performance. By prioritizing motivational strategies and cultivating a strong, inclusive culture, organizations can achieve substantial performance improvements. The integration of HRM practices and job satisfaction initiatives within a framework that emphasizes motivation, and culture is essential for sustaining these gains. This approach not only boosts employee engagement and productivity but also ensures that organizations remain competitive in a dynamic and evolving business landscape.

The findings contribute to both theoretical and practical understanding, offering insights into the interplay between motivation, organizational culture, HRM practices, and job satisfaction in the context of Peninsular Malaysia. They highlight the need for a holistic approach to workforce development, one that leverages the strengths of each variable to build a high-performing and engaged workforce. By implementing these strategies, organizations in the region can thrive, maintain their competitive edge, and adapt effectively to future challenges in the business environment.

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## APPENDIX A: QUESTIONNAIRES



### **THE INFLUENCES OF ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (HRM) PRACTICE, JOB SATISFACTION AND MOTIVATION TOWARDS EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PRIVATE SECTOR.**

Dear Sir/Madam  
Tuan/Puan

It is with great pleasure to inform you that I am currently conducting a research project The influences of Organizational Culture, Human Resources Management (HRM) Practice, Job Satisfaction and Motivation Towards Employee Performance in Peninsular Malaysia Private Sector. This research is in fulfilment of the requirement for the degree of Master's in Management from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). Therefore, I am seeking your cooperation in completing a questionnaire that will take about 15 minutes of your valuable time to complete it.

Dengan sukacitanya ingin memaklumkan bahawa saya sedang menjalankan penyelidikan bertajuk "*The influences of Organizational Culture, Human Resources Management (HRM) Practice, Job Satisfaction and Motivation Towards Employee Performance in Peninsular Malaysia Private Sector*". Kajian ini adalah sebagai memenuhi syarat untuk Ijazah Sarjana dalam Pengurusan dari Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). Oleh itu, saya memerlukan kerjasama Tuan/Puan melengkapkan soal selidik yang akan mengambil kira-kira 15 minit masa anda.

Since the quality of this research depends on the number of responses to this questionnaire, your response will be greatly appreciated. All information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for the purpose of the research only.

Kualiti penyelidikan ini adalah bergantung kepada jumlah responden terlibat, kerjasama daripada Tuan/Puan amatlah dihargai. Segala maklumat akan dirahsiakan dan hanya digunakan bagi tujuan kajian ini sahaja.

Please answer all questions as best as you can. The questions in the survey simply require you to tick (✓) and circle (O) the appropriate answers. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any query about this research. Your cooperation and support in completing this survey is highly appreciated. Thank you.

Tuan/Puan hanya perlu tanda (✓) dan bulatkan (O) jawapan yang sesuai bagi setiap soalan yang terdapat di dalam kajian ini. Sila hubungi saya jika terdapat sebarang persoalan berkaitan soal selidik ini. Kerjasama dan sokongan yang diberikan dalam melengkapkan soal selidik ini adalah amat dihargai. Terima kasih

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## SECTION A: Demographic profile

### SEKSYEN A: Maklumat Demografi

Please answer all the questions by making tick (/) the appropriate answer.

Sila jawab semua soalan dengan menanda palang (/) pada jawapan yang sesuai.

#### 1.1 Gender / Jantina

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Male<br><i>Lelaki</i> | Female<br><i>Wanita</i> |
|                       |                         |

#### 1.2 Age / Umur

|         |         |         |                                     |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 21 – 30 | 31 - 40 | 41 - 50 | Above 50<br><i>50 tahun ke atas</i> |
|         |         |         |                                     |

#### 1.3 Race / Bangsa

|                        |                        |                       |                            |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Malay<br><i>Melayu</i> | Chinese<br><i>Cina</i> | India<br><i>India</i> | Others<br><i>Lain-lain</i> |
|                        |                        |                       |                            |

#### 1.4 Marital Status / Status Perkahwinan

|                         |                             |                            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Single<br><i>Bujang</i> | Married<br><i>Berkahwin</i> | Others<br><i>Lain-lain</i> |
|                         |                             |                            |

### 1.5 Education Qualification / Tahap Pendidikan

|                                            |                                                                                                                                  |                                              |                            |                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPM<br><i>Sijil Pelajaran<br/>Malaysia</i> | STPM/ Diploma/A-<br>Level/ Matriculation<br><i>Sijil Tinggi<br/>Persekolahan<br/>Malaysia/ Diploma/<br/>A-Level/ Matrikulasi</i> | Degree<br><i>Ijazah<br/>Sarjana<br/>Muda</i> | Master's<br><i>Sarjana</i> | PHD/<br>Doctorate<br><i>Doktor<br/>Falsafah/<br/>Doktorat</i> |
|                                            |                                                                                                                                  |                                              |                            |                                                               |

### 1.6 Economic Sector / Sektor Ekonomi

|                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Agriculture<br><i>Pertanian</i>                                                                                        | Industry<br><i>Perindustrian</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Services<br><i>Perkhidmatan</i>                                                                                                                             |
| *Agriculture,<br>Hunting, Forestry &<br>Fishing<br><i>Pertanian,<br/>Pemburuan,<br/>Perhutanan &amp;<br/>Perikanan</i> | *Mining & Quarrying,<br>Manufacturing, Electricity, Gas,<br>Steam and Air Conditioning<br>Supply, Water Supply, Sewerage,<br>Waste Management and<br>Remediation Activities &<br>Construction<br><i>Perlombongan &amp; Kuari,<br/>Pembuatan, Bekalan Elektrik, Gas,<br/>Wap dan Penyejukan Udara,<br/>Bekalan Air, Kumbahan,<br/>Pengurusan Sisa dan Aktiviti<br/>Pemuliharaan &amp; Pembinaan</i> | *Others not<br>stated in the<br>Agriculture &<br>Industry<br><i>Lain-lain yang<br/>tidak<br/>dinyatakan<br/>dalam<br/>Pertanian &amp;<br/>Perindustrian</i> |

**1.7 Length of service / Tempoh perkhidmatan**

|                                 |                                 |                                   |                                   |                                                        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-5 years /<br><i>1-5 tahun</i> | 6-10 years<br><i>6-10 tahun</i> | 11-15 years<br><i>11-15 tahun</i> | 16-20 years<br><i>16-20 tahun</i> | More than 20 years /<br><i>Lebih daripada 20 tahun</i> |
|                                 |                                 |                                   |                                   |                                                        |

**1.8 Employment Status / Status Pekerjaan**

|                               |                            |                           |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Part Time<br><i>Sementara</i> | Contract<br><i>Kontrak</i> | Permanent<br><i>Tetap</i> |
|                               |                            |                           |

**1.9 Designation / Jawatan Pekerjaan**

|                                           |                                                                           |                            |                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Entry Level<br><i>Peringkat Permulaan</i> | Executive /<br>Senior Executive<br><i>Eksekutif /<br/>Eksekutif Kanan</i> | Manager<br><i>Pengurus</i> | Top<br>Management<br><i>Pengurusan<br/>Atasan</i> |
|                                           |                                                                           |                            |                                                   |

## SECTION B: The Studies

### SEKSYEN B: Kajian

Please answer all the questions by circling the appropriate answer based on the following scale:

*Sila jawab semua soalan dengan membulatkan jawapan yang sesuai berpandukan skala di bawah:*

| <b>Strongly<br/>Disagree /<br/>Sangat Tidak<br/>Bersetuju</b> | <b>Disagree /<br/>Tidak Bersetuju</b> | <b>Neutral /<br/>Berkecuali</b> | <b>Agree /<br/>Setuju</b> | <b>Strongly Agree /<br/>Sangat Bersetuju</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>                                                      | <b>2</b>                              | <b>3</b>                        | <b>4</b>                  | <b>5</b>                                     |

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by circling the most appropriate response based on the following scale:

*Sila nyatakan setakat mana yang anda setuju atau tidak setuju pada setiap kenyataan di bawah dengan membulatkan jawapan anda yang paling sesuai berpandukan skala di bawah:*

## SECTION B (i): Organizational Culture

### SEKSYEN B(i): Budaya Organisasi

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The culture of the organization influences my behavior and work performance.<br><i>Budaya organisasi mempengaruhi tingkah laku dan prestasi kerja saya.</i>                                                                                                                                                               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Most employees are giving the mandate to make real contribution to the success of their organization.<br><i>Kebanyakan pekerja diberi mandat untuk membuat sumbangan yang sebenar kepada kejayaan organisasi mereka.</i>                                                                                                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | My company place importance on employee welfare and takes responsibility for it.<br><i>Syarikat saya menitikberatkan kebajikan pekerja dan mengambil tanggungjawab terhadapnya.</i>                                                                                                                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | My organization prioritizes meeting customer needs, ensuring results are more important than strictly following organizational procedures.<br><i>Organisasi saya memberi keutamaan kepada memenuhi keperluan pelanggan, memastikan keputusan adalah lebih penting daripada mematuhi prosedur organisasi secara ketat.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | Recognition in my organization motivates me and provides satisfaction.<br><i>Pengiktirafan dalam organisasi saya memberi motivasi dan kepuasan kepada saya.</i>                                                                                                                                                           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | The organizational culture motivates me and provides satisfaction.<br><i>Budaya organisasi memberi motivasi dan kepuasan kepada saya</i>                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## SECTION B (ii): Human Resources Management (HRM) Practice

### SEKSYEN B(ii): Praktis HRM

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | I receive precise and accurate appraisal from my manager on my past performance.<br><i>Saya menerima penilaian yang tepat dan jitu daripada pengurus saya mengenai prestasi saya yang lalu.</i>                     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | My company provides an environment that stimulates learning strategies and professional growth.<br><i>Syarikat saya menyediakan persekitaran yang merangsang strategi pembelajaran dan pertumbuhan profesional.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | HRM practices in my company positively influence my attitudes, morale, and behavior.<br><i>Amalan HRM di syarikat saya mempengaruhi sikap, moral dan tingkah laku saya secara positif.</i>                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | I am satisfied with the policies implemented in my organization.<br><i>Saya berpuas hati dengan dasar yang dilaksanakan dalam organisasi saya.</i>                                                                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | The training and development programs offered enhance my professional expertise and skills.<br><i>Program latihan dan pembangunan yang ditawarkan meningkatkan kepakaran dan kemahiran profesional saya.</i>        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**SECTION B (iii): Job Satisfaction***SEKSYEN B(iii): Kepuasan Kerja*

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | I am generally satisfied with the work I do, considering my job as a whole.<br><i>Secara keseluruhan, saya berpuas hati dengan kerja yang saya lakukan, mengambil kira tugas saya secara menyeluruh.</i>                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | I perceive that the pay I receive is fair & equitable.<br><i>Saya merasakan gaji yang saya terima adalah adil dan saksama.</i>                                                                                                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | I am satisfied with the opportunities for promotion and career advancement to higher positions.<br><i>Saya berpuas hati dengan peluang kenaikan pangkat dan perkembangan kerjaya ke jawatan yang lebih tinggi.</i>            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | The people I worked with or interacted with in relation to my job were supportive and pleasant.<br><i>Orang yang saya bekerja atau berinteraksi dengan mereka berkaitan pekerjaan saya adalah menyokong dan menyenangkan.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | My supervisor appreciates the good work I do.<br><i>Penyelia saya menghargai kerja baik yang saya lakukan.</i>                                                                                                                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | My job is mentally stimulating and offers a variety of responsibilities.<br><i>Pekerjaan saya memberikan rangsangan mental dan menawarkan pelbagai tanggungjawab.</i>                                                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**SECTION B (iv): Motivation***SEKSYEN B(iv): Motivasi*

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Financial incentives provided by my organization motivate me to perform better.<br><i>Insentif kewangan yang diberikan oleh organisasi saya memberi motivasi kepada saya untuk mencapai prestasi yang lebih baik.</i>                                             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Non-financial incentives, such as recognition or flexible work arrangements, motivate me to perform better.<br><i>Insentif bukan kewangan, seperti pengiktirafan atau aturan kerja yang fleksibel, memberi motivasi kepada saya untuk berprestasi lebih baik.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | I am satisfied with the benefits and facilities provided by my company, which enhance my motivation.<br><i>Saya berpuas hati dengan manfaat dan kemudahan yang disediakan oleh syarikat saya, yang meningkatkan motivasi saya.</i>                                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | Appreciation and recognition by the organization motivate me to improve my performance.<br><i>Penghargaan dan pengiktirafan oleh organisasi memberi motivasi kepada saya untuk memperbaiki prestasi kerja saya.</i>                                               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | Promotions offered in my company contribute to improving my work performance.<br><i>Kenaikan pangkat yang ditawarkan dalam syarikat saya menyumbang kepada peningkatan prestasi kerja saya.</i>                                                                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | <p>Opportunities for career advancement in my company help me to achieve better performance.</p> <p><i>Peluang untuk perkembangan kerjaya dalam syarikat saya membantu saya mencapai prestasi yang lebih baik.</i></p> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|



## SECTION C: Employee Performance

### SEKSYEN C: Prestasi Pekerja

Employee performance / Prestasi pekerja

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                         |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | I understood the performance review criteria established by my organization.<br><i>Saya memahami kriteria penilaian prestasi yang ditetapkan oleh organisasi saya.</i>                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | I had a clear understanding of my job and how to perform it effectively.<br><i>Saya mempunyai pemahaman yang jelas tentang pekerjaan saya dan cara melaksanakannya dengan berkesan.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | I was able to manage and resolve unexpected scheduling issues promptly.<br><i>Saya dapat mengurus dan menyelesaikan isu penjadualan yang tidak dijangka dengan segera.</i>              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | I maintained an excellent attendance record in this organization.<br><i>Saya mengekalkan rekod kehadiran yang cemerlang dalam organisasi ini.</i>                                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | I effectively and efficiently carried out the duties assigned to me.<br><i>Saya melaksanakan tugas yang diberikan kepada saya dengan cekap dan berkesan.</i>                            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | I was well-acquainted with the standard operating procedures for my job.<br><i>Saya sangat biasa dengan prosedur operasi standard untuk pekerjaan saya.</i>                             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## APPENDIX B: RELIABILITY ANALYSIS PILOT TEST

### 1) Employee Performance

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|------------------|------------|
| .647             | 6          |

### 2) Organizational Culture

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|------------------|------------|
| .419             | 6          |

### 3) Human Resource Management (HRM) Practice

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|------------------|------------|
| .713             | 5          |

### 4) Job Satisfaction

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|------------------|------------|
| .623             | 6          |

### 5) Motivation

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | N of Items |
|------------------|------------|
| .486             | 6          |

## APPENDIX C: RELIABILITY ANALYSIS ACTUAL STUDY

### 1) Employee Performance

#### Case Processing Summary

|       |                       | N   | %     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Cases | Valid                 | 105 | 100.0 |
|       | Excluded <sup>a</sup> | 0   | .0    |
|       | Total                 | 105 | 100.0 |

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items | N of Items |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| .821             | .832                                         | 6          |

### 2) Organizational Culture

#### Case Processing Summary

|       |                       | N   | %     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Cases | Valid                 | 105 | 100.0 |
|       | Excluded <sup>a</sup> | 0   | .0    |
|       | Total                 | 105 | 100.0 |

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

#### Reliability Statistics

| Cronbach's Alpha | Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items | N of Items |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| .606             | .623                                         | 6          |

### 3) Human Resource Management (HRM) Practice

#### Case Processing Summary

|       |                       | N   | %     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Cases | Valid                 | 105 | 100.0 |
|       | Excluded <sup>a</sup> | 0   | .0    |
|       | Total                 | 105 | 100.0 |

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

**Reliability Statistics**

| Cronbach's Alpha | Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items | N of Items |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| .785             | .783                                         | 5          |

**4) Job Satisfaction****Case Processing Summary**

|       |                       | N   | %     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Cases | Valid                 | 105 | 100.0 |
|       | Excluded <sup>a</sup> | 0   | .0    |
|       | Total                 | 105 | 100.0 |

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

**Reliability Statistics**

| Cronbach's Alpha | Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items | N of Items |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| .705             | .706                                         | 6          |

**5) Motivation****Case Processing Summary**

|       |                       | N   | %     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Cases | Valid                 | 105 | 100.0 |
|       | Excluded <sup>a</sup> | 0   | .0    |
|       | Total                 | 105 | 100.0 |

a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

**Reliability Statistics**

| Cronbach's Alpha | Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items | N of Items |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| .566             | .609                                         | 6          |

## APPENDIX D: DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

|       |        | Gender    |         |               |                    |
|-------|--------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |        | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Male   | 42        | 40.0    | 40.0          | 40.0               |
|       | Female | 63        | 60.0    | 60.0          | 100.0              |
|       | Total  | 105       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |          | Age       |         |               |                    |
|-------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |          | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | 21 - 30  | 65        | 61.9    | 61.9          | 61.9               |
|       | 31 - 40  | 24        | 22.9    | 22.9          | 84.8               |
|       | 41 - 50  | 11        | 10.5    | 10.5          | 95.2               |
|       | Above 50 | 5         | 4.8     | 4.8           | 100.0              |
|       | Total    | 105       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |                | Race      |         |               |                    |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |                | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Chinese        | 3         | 2.9     | 2.9           | 2.9                |
|       | Iban           | 1         | 1.0     | 1.0           | 3.8                |
|       | India          | 6         | 5.7     | 5.7           | 9.5                |
|       | Malay          | 93        | 88.6    | 88.6          | 98.1               |
|       | Melanau        | 1         | 1.0     | 1.0           | 99.0               |
|       | Serani / Islam | 1         | 1.0     | 1.0           | 100.0              |
|       | Total          | 105       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |          | Marital   |         |               |                    |
|-------|----------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |          | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Divorced | 1         | 1.0     | 1.0           | 1.0                |
|       | Married  | 52        | 49.5    | 49.5          | 50.5               |
|       | Single   | 52        | 49.5    | 49.5          | 100.0              |
|       | Total    | 105       | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |                                       | <b>Education</b> |         |               |                    |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |                                       | Frequency        | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Degree                                | 63               | 60.0    | 60.0          | 60.0               |
|       | Master's                              | 15               | 14.3    | 14.3          | 74.3               |
|       | PHD/ Doctorate                        | 1                | 1.0     | 1.0           | 75.2               |
|       | SPM                                   | 8                | 7.6     | 7.6           | 82.9               |
|       | STPM/ Diploma/ A-Level/ Matriculation | 18               | 17.1    | 17.1          | 100.0              |
|       | Total                                 | 105              | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |                    | <b>LengthService</b> |         |               |                    |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |                    | Frequency            | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | 1 - 5 years        | 63                   | 60.0    | 60.0          | 60.0               |
|       | 11 - 15 years      | 10                   | 9.5     | 9.5           | 69.5               |
|       | 16 - 20 years      | 6                    | 5.7     | 5.7           | 75.2               |
|       | 6 - 10 years       | 16                   | 15.2    | 15.2          | 90.5               |
|       | More than 20 years | 10                   | 9.5     | 9.5           | 100.0              |
|       | Total              | 105                  | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |           | <b>EmploymentStatus</b> |         |               |                    |
|-------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
|       |           | Frequency               | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Contract  | 12                      | 11.4    | 11.4          | 11.4               |
|       | Part Time | 7                       | 6.7     | 6.7           | 18.1               |
|       | Permanent | 86                      | 81.9    | 81.9          | 100.0              |
|       | Total     | 105                     | 100.0   | 100.0         |                    |

|       |                                 | Designation |         | Valid<br>Percent | Cumulative<br>Percent |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|
|       |                                 | Frequency   | Percent |                  |                       |
| Valid | Entry Level                     | 33          | 31.4    | 31.4             | 31.4                  |
|       | Executive & Senior<br>Executive | 56          | 53.3    | 53.3             | 84.8                  |
|       | Manager                         | 12          | 11.4    | 11.4             | 96.2                  |
|       | ManagerTop<br>Management        | 4           | 3.8     | 3.8              | 100.0                 |
|       | Total                           | 105         | 100.0   | 100.0            |                       |



## APPENDIX E: DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE VARIABLES

| Descriptive Statistics    |     |         |         |        |                |
|---------------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|----------------|
|                           | N   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean   | Std. Deviation |
| IV-Organizational Culture | 105 | 1.00    | 5.00    | 3.8635 | .53498         |
| IV-HRM Practice           | 105 | 1.40    | 5.00    | 3.8514 | .64273         |
| IV-Job Satisfaction       | 105 | 1.00    | 5.00    | 3.7508 | .56383         |
| IV-Motivation             | 105 | 1.00    | 5.00    | 3.8365 | .51317         |
| DV-Employee Performance   | 105 | 1.00    | 5.00    | 4.1000 | .53088         |
| Valid N (listwise)        | 105 |         |         |        |                |

## APPENDIX F: CORRELATION VARIABLES CONSTRUCT

|                                  |                     | Correlations                   |                                  |                    |                        |                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                                  |                     | DV-<br>Employee<br>Performance | IV-<br>Organizational<br>Culture | IV-HRM<br>Practice | IV-Job<br>Satisfaction | IV-<br>Motivation |
| DV-Employee<br>Performance       | Pearson Correlation | 1                              | .448**                           | .440**             | .316**                 | .475**            |
|                                  | Sig. (2-tailed)     |                                | .000                             | .000               | .001                   | .000              |
|                                  | N                   | 105                            | 105                              | 105                | 105                    | 105               |
| IV-<br>Organizational<br>Culture | Pearson Correlation | .448**                         | 1                                | .564**             | .464**                 | .585**            |
|                                  | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .000                           |                                  | .000               | .000                   | .000              |
|                                  | N                   | 105                            | 105                              | 105                | 105                    | 105               |
| IV-HRM<br>Practice               | Pearson Correlation | .440**                         | .564**                           | 1                  | .649**                 | .643**            |
|                                  | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .000                           | .000                             |                    | .000                   | .000              |
|                                  | N                   | 105                            | 105                              | 105                | 105                    | 105               |
| IV-Job<br>Satisfaction           | Pearson Correlation | .316**                         | .464**                           | .649**             | 1                      | .667**            |
|                                  | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .001                           | .000                             | .000               |                        | .000              |
|                                  | N                   | 105                            | 105                              | 105                | 105                    | 105               |
| IV-Motivation                    | Pearson Correlation | .475**                         | .585**                           | .643**             | .667**                 | 1                 |
|                                  | Sig. (2-tailed)     | .000                           | .000                             | .000               | .000                   |                   |
|                                  | N                   | 105                            | 105                              | 105                | 105                    | 105               |

\*\* . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

## APPENDIX G: REGRESSION

**Model Summary**

| Model | R                 | R Square | Adjusted R Square | Std. Error of the Estimate |
|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1     | .538 <sup>a</sup> | .290     | .261              | .45631                     |

a. Predictors: (Constant), IV-Motivation, IV-Organizational Culture, IV-Job Satisfaction, IV-HRM Practice

## APPENDIX H: MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS

**Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |                           | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t     | Sig. |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
|       |                           | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      |       |      |
| 1     | (Constant)                | 1.862                       | .381       |                           | 4.885 | .000 |
|       | IV-Organizational Culture | .211                        | .108       | .213                      | 1.953 | .054 |
|       | IV-HRM Practice           | .168                        | .103       | .203                      | 1.636 | .105 |
|       | IV-Job Satisfaction       | -.104                       | .115       | -.111                     | -.904 | .368 |
|       | IV-Motivation             | .304                        | .133       | .294                      | 2.287 | .024 |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

## APPENDIX I: LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS

### 1) Organizational Culture

**ANOVA<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |            | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig.              |
|-------|------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1     | Regression | 5.888          | 1   | 5.888       | 25.893 | .000 <sup>b</sup> |
|       | Residual   | 23.423         | 103 | .227        |        |                   |
|       | Total      | 29.311         | 104 |             |        |                   |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV-Organizational Culture

**Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |                           | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t     | Sig. |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
|       |                           | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      |       |      |
| 1     | (Constant)                | 2.382                       | .341       |                           | 6.987 | .000 |
|       | IV-Organizational Culture | .445                        | .087       | .448                      | 5.089 | .000 |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

### 2) Human Resource Management (HRM) Practice

**ANOVA<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |            | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig.              |
|-------|------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1     | Regression | 5.684          | 1   | 5.684       | 24.778 | .000 <sup>b</sup> |
|       | Residual   | 23.627         | 103 | .229        |        |                   |
|       | Total      | 29.311         | 104 |             |        |                   |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV-HRM Practices

**Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |                  | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t     | Sig. |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
|       |                  | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      |       |      |
| 1     | (Constant)       | 2.699                       | .285       |                           | 9.461 | .000 |
|       | IV-HRM Practices | .364                        | .073       | .440                      | 4.978 | .000 |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

### 3) Job Satisfaction

**ANOVA<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |            | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig.              |
|-------|------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1     | Regression | 2.928          | 1   | 2.928       | 11.431 | .001 <sup>b</sup> |
|       | Residual   | 26.383         | 103 | .256        |        |                   |
|       | Total      | 29.311         | 104 |             |        |                   |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV-Job Satisfaction

**Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |                     | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t     | Sig. |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
|       |                     | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      |       |      |
| 1     | (Constant)          | 2.984                       | .334       |                           | 8.939 | .000 |
|       | IV-Job Satisfaction | .298                        | .088       | .316                      | 3.381 | .001 |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

### 4) Motivation

**ANOVA<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |            | Sum of Squares | df  | Mean Square | F      | Sig.              |
|-------|------------|----------------|-----|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1     | Regression | 6.622          | 1   | 6.622       | 30.059 | .000 <sup>b</sup> |
|       | Residual   | 22.690         | 103 | .220        |        |                   |
|       | Total      | 29.311         | 104 |             |        |                   |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance

b. Predictors: (Constant), IV-Motivation

**Coefficients<sup>a</sup>**

| Model |               | Unstandardized Coefficients |            | Standardized Coefficients | t     | Sig. |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
|       |               | B                           | Std. Error | Beta                      |       |      |
| 1     | (Constant)    | 2.214                       | .347       |                           | 6.377 | .000 |
|       | IV-Motivation | .492                        | .090       | .475                      | 5.483 | .000 |

a. Dependent Variable: DV-Employee Performance