

turbulent, hostile), normal (low conflict, normal accepting), negative (distant, indifferent)

2. How do you describe your family /parents/brothers/sisters? Why?
3. Does your family have any covert or overt family rules/ values that you are expected to follow? How do you feel/ family's reaction when you are not following them? How about now?
4. Do you pass your family's rules to others? If yes, how? If No, why?
5. Do you ever change your family's rules/ values? If yes, which and how do you change? If not, why?
6. What did you inherit from your family? Qualities/ characteristics/ beliefs/ mannerisms/ speech patterns/ likes and dislikes? Strengths and weaknesses?
7. In your memory, did your parents ever have any conflict? If yes, what was the conflict factor? How did your parents react to the conflict? How did you/ your brothers/ sisters react to the conflict?
8. Does the conflict between parents influence you? How?
9. What did your parents/ brothers/ sisters/ expect from you when there is family conflict?
10. Did your parents or family members have any expectations on you? If yes, does the expectation still influence you? If not, why?
11. Have you already moved out from your family? If yes/no, when and why?

Section 3: Family and Peer Relationship

- Family origin, ethnicity and religion
- Relationship before and after conversion

Question

1. What is the ethnicity of your spouse/ father/ mother/ closest friends?
2. What is the religion of your spouse/ father/ mother/ brothers/ sisters/ closest friend?

3. Before your conversion? How was your relationship with your father/ mother/ brothers/ sisters/ closest friends? Does any relationship improvement/ worsen from childhood to conversion with these 4 groups of people?
4. What were their (these 4 groups of people) reactions toward your conversion? How did you react to their reactions? Why?
5. How do you describe your relationships with these 4 groups of people before your conversion, after conversion, and right now? What have you done toward the relationship?
6. Did you have any expectations on how they react to your conversion/ your current relationship? What have you done toward your expectation? If they are not able to meet your expectation, how do you respond?
7. Until today, do they have any change in behaviour or stand toward your conversion? If yes/no, why do you think so? What do you plan to do for the next?
8. Do Islamic teachings help you to improve your relationship with these 4 groups of people? If yes, how? And how effective? What will you do for the next?
9. Does Islam/ religion become a topic when you meet these 4 groups of people? If yes/no, why? If yes, please describe how was the discussion.

Section 4: Ethnicity and Identity

- How do you describe your identity?
- Experience of discrimination
- The conflict between religion and ethnicity

Question

1. How do you describe your ethnicity? Why?
2. Do you consider ethnicity significant to you? If yes/no, why?
3. How far do you wear/ eat / speak (not wear/ eat/ speak) in Malay/ Chinese style? Why?
4. How far do you open/ close your Chinese Muslim identity to others? Why?

5. Do you have any experience of discrimination or rejection by your ethnic or religious community? If yes, could you describe more? What is your response to those unpleasant experiences?
6. How do you feel when your family members or your closest friends practice Chinese customs/ culture/festivals that you cannot participate in? What will you do in such situations?
7. Do you have any experience that you feel lonely and alienated when you can't follow the Chinese community culture/ customs/ ritual/ festival? Such as funeral rite? If yes/no, why? What will you do in such situations?
8. How do you feel when there is a conflict issue between Islam and the Chinese community? Such as Ridhuan Tee issue, hudud, Islamic country, valentine day, dead body disputes, etc.? How do you respond to those conflicts?

Section 5: Religion before Conversion

- The understanding of previous religion
- The practice of previous religion

Question

1. What was your religion before conversion?
2. If you had a religion before conversion,
 - a) How did you practice your religion before conversion?
 - b) How far did you follow your previous religious rules and regulations?
 - c) How far do you understand your previous religion?
 - d) How far do you believe or not to believe your previous religion?
 - e) Now, how do you treat or view your previous religion?
3. Before conversion, how far did you believe in the existence of God? Why?
4. Does the previous religion or belief practices bring you to Islamic conversion? If yes/no, why do you say so?
5. How far do you understand other Chinese religions, such as Buddhism, Taoism, or Christianity?

Section 6: Conversion

- Environment before conversion
- What decides on conversion?

Question

1. Before you understand Islam, what was your impression of Islam? Why?
2. When did you get in touch with Islam?
3. When did you convert to Islam?
4. What made you convert to Islam?
5. How in-depth was your Islamic knowledge before converting to Islam?
6. When and where did you learn about Islam knowledge before your conversion?
7. Did you practice Islam teachings or rituals before *Shahada*? If yes, could you explain more?
8. What was the main characteristic of Islam that attracts you to convert?
9. What is your feeling before or after your conversion?
10. What is your meaningful change after your conversion?
11. What was the most challenging experience in your conversion?

Section 7: Islamic Practice

- Level of Islamic practice
- Participants' view on Islamic Issue

Question

1. To what level do you practice Islam? (Fasting, prayer, zakat, Haji).
2. If you are not able to practice Islam because of specific reasons, what will you feel and react to?
3. To which level do you believe the teachings of Islam? Why?
4. To which level do you believe Islam is the only true religion for all humans? Why?
5. Which verses in the Quran or Hadith most impresses you? Why?

6. Did you ever face any hindrance of practising Islam from your religious or ethnic community? If yes/no, why? How do you react?
7. Do you have any plans to improve your Islamic practice? If yes, how? If not, why?



Appendix C

Full work-out themes

| Research Question | Themes | Sub-themes | Category |
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| Conversion Process | 1. Initial Attraction | 1. God in Islam | N/A |
| | | 2. Prayer | N/A |
| | | 3. Characteristic of Islam | N/A |
| | | 4. Muslim Acquaintances | N/A |
| | | 5. Unfinished Religious Experiences | N/A |
| | 2. Absorption | 6. Formal | N/A |
| | | 7. Informal | N/A |
| | | 8. Others Religions or Sects | N/A |
| | 3. Adaptation | 9. Add-on | N/A |
| | | 10. Give up | N/A |
| | 4. Assimilation | 11. Community | N/A |
| | | 12. Language | N/A |
| | | 13. Food | N/A |
| | | 14. Wearing | N/A |
| | 5. Integration | 15. Visible | N/A |
| | | 16. Emotional | N/A |
| Self-differentiation Manifestation | 6. High self-differentiation | 17. Respond to Crisis-Guidance and Solution | N/A |
| | | 18. Searching God-God Teaching | N/A |
| | | 19. Taking <i>Shahada</i> -Long Time <i>Shahada</i> | N/A |
| | | 20. Learning Focus-Flexible | N/A |
| | | 21. Hiding-Connection | N/A |
| | | 22. Coming Out-Prepared | N/A |
| | | 23. Change-Ability and Rhythm | N/A |
| | | 24. Acceptance-Genuine | N/A |
| | | 25. Unpleasant Religious Behaviours-Action but no Intervene | N/A |
| | | 26. Sharing Religion-Peacefully and Moderately | N/A |
| | | 27. Coping with Religious Dilemma-Comfortable | N/A |
| | | 28. Reconnection-Go Back | N/A |
| | | 29. Approaching- Direct | N/A |
| | 7. Low self-differentiation | 30. Response to Crisis-Denial and Fusion | N/A |
| | | 31. Searching God-Consolation and Comfort | N/A |
| | | 32. Taking <i>Shahada</i> -Immediate <i>Shahada</i> | N/A |
| | | 33. Learning Focus-Rigid | N/A |
| | | 34. Hiding-Cutoff | N/A |
| | | 35. Coming Out-Driven by Emotion | N/A |
| | | 36. Change-forceful | N/A |
| | | 37. Acceptance- Surface | N/A |
| | | 38. Unpleasant Religious Behaviours- Intervene but Cutoff | N/A |
| | | 39. Sharing Religion-Not Able to Share | N/A |
| | | 40. Coping with Religious Dilemma-Emotional | N/A |

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| | | Reactivity and Cutoff | |
| | | 41. Reconnecting-Deny and Ignore | N/A |
| | | 42. Approaching-Avoiding | N/A |
| Special Case | 8. Chinese Self-differentiation | 43. Emotional Cutoff | Coping Strategy Distancing Relationship and Support System |
| | | 44. Emotional Reactivity | Rescue System Taboo |
| | | 45. Fusion and I-position | Pseudo I-position Chinese I-position |
| | 9. Muslim Self-differentiation | 46. Human God | N/A |
| | 10. Marginalized | 47. Majority to Minority | N/A |
| 11. Deviation | 48. Parents and Compatriot Religion | | N/A |
| | | 49. Parents and Compatriot Norm | Family Peers Self-deviated |
| | 12. Association | 50. Malay Muslim Community | N/A |
| Adulthood Self-differentiation Development | 13. Self-differentiation Increment | 51. Chinese Compatriot Community | N/A |
| | | 52. Emotional Cutoff | N/A |
| | 53. Emotional Reactivity | N/A | |
| | 54. I-position | N/A | |
| | 14. Significant Challenges | 55. Accept Care | N/A |
| | | 56. Hatching | N/A |
| | | 57. Enhance Relationship | N/A |
| | | 58. Self-expressing | N/A |
| | | 59. Know Other Beliefs | N/A |
| | | 60. Connected <i>Shahada</i> | N/A |
| | | 61. Going Back Home | N/A |
| 62. Sharing with others | | N/A | |
| 63. Integration | | N/A | |