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For empirical papers, the main headings should consist of abstract, introduction and literature review, method, results, discussion, recommendations, conclusion and references; while theoretical papers should have an abstract, introduction, theoretical or conceptual framework and position, recommendations, conclusion and references.

Manuscripts should be typed double spacing and should not be more than 12 pages in Microsoft word, 12pts font size and Times New Roman, with adequate margins on A4 paper. An abstract of between 200 and 250 words with a maximum of eight keywords is required. Presentation of tables and figures should be in line with APA format and style.

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Abstract. The abstract for an empirical paper should provide a comprehensive summary of the article and should include the purpose, participants, procedures, major findings and conclusion; while the one for a theoretical paper should include the purpose, theoretical model, position and conclusion.

Introduction and Literature Review. The introduction and literature review should introduce the problem and describe previous research on the topic. There is need for relevant data for establishing existence of problem. Summary of literature review should be presented and existing gaps to be filled identified. At the end of the literature review, the purpose of the study should be stated as well as the research questions and hypotheses that will be addressed.

Method. A detailed description of methods and procedure adopted for a research study is required. Components to address here include the design, participants, instruments description, development and validation, procedure for administration of treatment in experimental study and how data are collected and analysed.

Results. Results of the study describes the outputs of data analysis. Present results in tables and figures where appropriate, according to the research questions and hypotheses that are addressed. Then interpret the findings without discussing them.

Discussion. The discussion section should relate the findings of study to earlier ones in literature in terms of similarities and differences. It should also present probable explanations to the findings as well as implications for theory and practice in the field of education.

Recommendations. The essence of recommendations is to base educational practice based on research findings. Recommendations should be directly related to the variables measured in the study. The answers to the research findings and results of test of hypotheses should guide researchers in making recommendations based on any study.

Conclusion. Conclusion should summarize the findings of the study and should be based on the purpose of the study.

Reference. All cited works in text must be referenced in alphabetical order according to APA format and style.

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Position. The author needs to describe his/her position on how a particular problem in education can be solved based on the theoretical or conceptual framework.

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Conclusion. The findings of the paper should be summarized and presented as they relate to the modified or new model developed.

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