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1. Introduction

The Introduction section should provide an adequate background and general context for the work, explaining its significance, and indicating why it should be of interest to researchers. The Introduction should begin by outlining the **global relevance** of the research topic, highlighting key international trends, challenges, or developments. Authors should then **narrow the focus** to regional and local contexts to demonstrate the study's relevance within its specific setting.

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The Introduction should conclude with a clear statement of the **research purpose, objectives, or research questions**, explicitly aligned with the problem and gap identified. Please ensure the first paragraph of all sections and sub-sections are not indented. The first line of all subsequent paragraphs should be indented at 0.5 cm. The heading of the first levels section should be written by capitalizing the first letter of each main word and written in bold.

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Please ensure the first paragraph of all sections and sub-sections are not indented. The first line of all subsequent paragraphs should be indented at 0.5 cm. Sub-section headings should be in lowercase and have their initials capitalised. They should be numbered as 1.1, 1.2, etc.

The author(s) should define all abbreviations used when the first time appeared in the text. It is strongly recommended that the author (s) should use the International System of Units (SI) units. If other quantities are referenced, please provide their SI equivalents.

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Third level sub-section headings, however, should be in lowercase with their initials capitalized and italicized. They should be numbered as 1.1.1, 1.1.2, etc.

2. Methodology

The Methodology section should provide clear, detailed and transparent procedures that allow the study to be understood, evaluated, and replicated. Authors must ensure that the methodological approach aligns logically with the research objectives or review aims. Methods that have previously been published should be referenced, and only relevant modifications should be mentioned. The materials used and methods applied in the research should be

sufficiently and explicitly explained. This section must describe the methodology in detail: research design, sampling, data collection (if necessary).

2.1 Preparing the Methodology Section

2.1.1 For Research Papers

Authors should describe the methodology with sufficient precision to **ensure replicability**. This includes:

- **Research design** and justification
- **Participants, corpus, or data sources**, including sampling strategies and ethical considerations
- **Instruments, measures, or analytical frameworks**, referencing established or validated tools
- **Data collection procedures**, presented in chronological and coherent order
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- **Screening and selection procedures**, preferably supported by a PRISMA flowchart
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- **Quality assessment or appraisal of included studies**
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All steps should be described clearly to ensure reproducibility and transparency.

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- Use citations for established methods or frameworks
- Demonstrate methodological rigour appropriate for a Scopus-indexed journal
- Ensure terminology, procedures, and analytical techniques are clearly defined and logically presented

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Tables should be self-explanatory and include a concise yet sufficiently descriptive caption. Tables should be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals and referred to in the text by the table number. Table columns must include column headings and appropriate titles. Tables must be submitted as editable text and not as images. The table caption should be written in title cases and placed above the table, left-aligned, with no period at the end of the caption. For more details, refer <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/tables-figures/tables>. All tables must be cited in the main text (e.g., “as shown in Table 1), and each should be discussed where it is first introduced.

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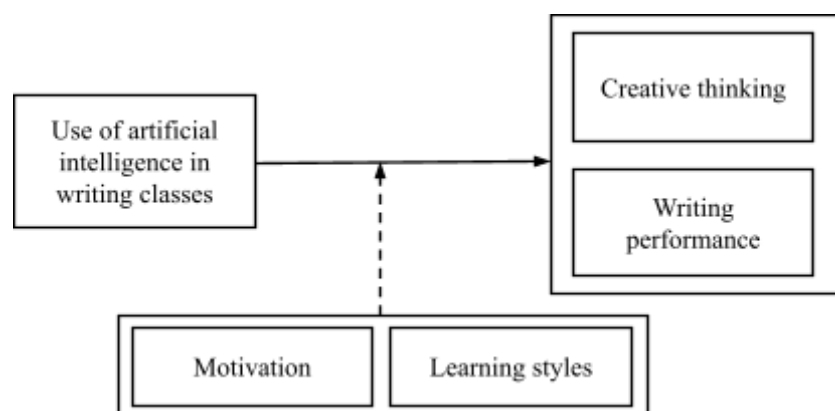
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3. Results and/or Discussion

Authors may present the **Results and Discussion** as a combined section or as two separate sections, depending on the nature and complexity of the study. In all cases, the presentation must be **clear, concise**, and directly aligned with the research objectives or questions.

The **Results** should report the study's outcomes objectively, using tables, figures, and appropriate descriptive or inferential statistics. Authors should avoid repeating information already displayed in tables or figures and ensure that all results are presented in a logical and coherent manner. Clear and concise results are required. The significance of the work's findings should be discussed in detail throughout the discussion section. Extensive citations and discussion of already published material should be avoided.

The **Discussion** should interpret the **significance of the results** and explain how they relate to existing theories, empirical research, and the research gap established in the Introduction. Interpretations must be supported with **recent, high-quality empirical studies**, demonstrating how the current results confirm, extend, or challenge contemporary findings in the field. Authors are encouraged to provide focused, meaningful interpretation while avoiding unnecessary repetition or excessive citation of widely known material. Manuscripts which do not reference recent empirical evidence (60% and above) will be declined. Overall, the Results and/or Discussion section should provide a clear narrative that highlights the **academic, practical, and methodological implications** of the study's results.

4. Discussion

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The Conclusion should provide a clear and concise summary of **the study's key results** and their **overall contribution** to the field. Authors should briefly restate how the results address the research objectives or questions and highlight the theoretical, practical, or methodological implications of the work.

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References

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