Notes to Authors (Guidelines for Preparing Research Article) for Curriculum Development Journal

(I) Title Page

The **Title** of the article should be intelligent, brief, and informative. The maximum length should not be more than 120 characters. Do not include the authority for taxonomic names in the title. All the letters of a word in the main title and the first word of the sub-title should be capitalized, if the article is written in English language. All other words, except for proper nouns, are lowercase.

(II) Abstract

An **abstract** of the manuscript should be with a maximum length of 250 words for a full-length article. It should be clear, concise, and complete in its own limits providing a brief summary of the research including the objective, methods, results, and major conclusions.

Five to seven keywords should be provided at the bottom of the abstract. The initial letter of the Keywords Should be capitalized.

(III) Main Text

The **Main Text** should be in the range of 3000- 5000 words and organized under the following headings:

The **introduction** should describe the significance of the paper beginning with a paragraph of explanation of existing knowledge and the research gap of the problem under investigation leading to the main research questions or objectives.

The **Methods and Materials** section should provide sufficient information so that the research can be repeated in the future. Therefore, a clear description of technical procedures should include the study area, sampling design, and methods as well as tools applied

Results and Discussion generally should be stated concisely and clearly in descriptive, tabular, and graphical forms with interpretation. This section should address the objectives systematically.

It should provide, a) interpretation of the results without recapitulating them, b) comparison of the results with previous research findings, c) impacts of the results on the existing knowledge of the subject, and d) suggestions for further research. Results should be discussed with at least a couple of previously published peer-reviewed journal articles.

Conclusions should clearly point out the main findings, which must be justified by the analysis of the data. Preconceived ideas should not override the results and conclusions.

(IV) Acknowledgments

Acknowledgments (if necessary) should be short and specific providing information about various supports received for the research.

(V) References

Reference should be cited in the text by the name/s of the author/s and year of publication in chronological order. All citations and referencing should be as per the APA 7th latest edition. It is suggested that references with DOI should be more than 50% in any case. In addition, at least 25% references are taken from recently published (in the last 2 years) Journals. DOI or URL source address should be added in the references if it is available and the accessed date should be mentioned in case of website/URL citation.

(VI) Peer Review Process

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