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**ABSTRACT**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This paper is prepared following the IMRAD format. The introduction is consisting of four elements. 1) the statement of purpose/ research problems 2) review of related literature, 3) theoretical framework and 4) significance and need for study. The **introduction** of the paper should **describe the current situation of the research problem, identify the problem and solution**. The description of the current situation can be done in three ways: a) describing the research problem with supporting evidences and identify why the topic is important to study; b) describing the current situation or phenomena of the research topic/problem c) review previous researches and identify the gap about the research that is not fully discussed or touched by the researchers in their

previous study. Once the situation has been described, the next part is **by creating an argument regarding the importance of the problem**. It can be done in four ways: a) determining the gap that undermines the explanations/rationalizations of the previous research; b) develop the research problem based on the weakness found in the literature of the study c) presenting key questions about the possible effects of the weakness/gap found in the previous researches that will be addressed in your study d) the continuing tradition of conducting the research to explicate a research problem. The third part of the introduction is by **identifying the contribution** or **significance of the study**. It can be achieved by means of: a) explaining the specific objectives of the study or describe the reason for doing the

research and what the research will achieve/accomplish (Organizing your social sciences research paper: The C.A.R.S. Model, 2016).

**2. METHODOLOGY**

This part explains the methods used to arrive at the results of your study. This part should answer the following: a) the participants/ research subjects, study population, sampling plan and the number b) the research design c) the methods/ test used or methods of data collection d) data analysis procedure

**3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This is the essential part of the paper. In qualitative research, the **results** section presents the emerging themes as result of the analysis of the textual material. The researches include some excerpts from the data to show or emphasize the important points. In quantitative research, the researcher describes the results by means of tables or graphs. This part also mentions the statistical treatment used, the value of the computed statistics and the significance of the statistical test. The results are easy to follow if they are presented in the same order the problem statements are presented in the introduction. The **Discussion** explains the meaning

and implication of the result. The researcher interprets the result based on the known facts and uses the results as evidence of his/her explanation. The result of the discussion should be related to the problems stated in the introduction. Do not give generalization that is not supported by the results.

**4. CONCLUSION and RECOMMENDATIONS**

The conclusion presents the outcomes of the study and synthesis of the key points in your research problem. If applicable you may also recommend new areas of research based on the finding of your research. A good conclusion should briefly summarize the larger significance of your study by relating your findings to the findings of the previous research. You should also identify how you addressed the gap you mentioned in the introduction part of this paper.

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