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Chapter 1

Background for Evaluating Research Reports

1. All of the following features are common in research studies, EXCEPT:

a) research problems that are narrowly defined.

b) studies conducted in artificial settings.

c) exceedingly large samples.

d) imperfect methods of measurement.

Correct answer: c

2. Which one of the following flaws of a research study can result in misleading findings?

a) Use of a convenience sample.

b) Questionable measurement procedures.

c) Data-input errors.

d) Any of the above.

Correct answer: d

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3. Below, there are several statements about measuring complex social variables like racial bias. Which one of these statements is INCORRECT?

a) There is no one perfect way to measure a complex social variable like racial bias.

b) It is best to measure such variables on a scale from “completely disagree” to “completely agree”.

c) Measuring such variables through direct observation of behavior is often difficult and has serious limitations.

d) Survey responses about variables like racial bias may be skewed by social desirability.

Correct answer: b

4. When researchers acknowledge the limitations of their research, it means that:

a) they recognize the problems that could bias the results of their research.

b) their study results cannot be trusted due to inherent biases.

c) their research should have been improved before it got published.

d) they should not have published their study.

Correct answer: a

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5. The main reason the researchers provide extensive details and definitions of key terms in their research reports is to:

a) make sure the readers understand every aspect of the study.

b) make it as boring as possible for the reader.

c) create a record to remind themselves of their study's key steps.

d) increase the number of pages in the article.

Correct answer: a

6. All of the following statements about pilot studies are true, EXCEPT:

a) pilot studies are smaller-scale, preliminary studies.

b) pilot studies often use small samples.

c) journal editors are unlikely to choose pilot studies for publication.

d) researchers often use pilot studies to try out new methods or research procedures.

Correct answer: c

7. What is the main reason that many research reports lack information about the aspects of the study that are important for evaluating the study's quality?

a) Journal editors strike out some boring details from research reports.

b) Publishers limit the length of research reports submitted for publication.

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c) The authors of research reports often forget some minute details of their study.

d) The authors of research reports conceal some important details out of embarrassment.

Correct answer: b

8. All of the following statements are true, EXCEPT:

a) High-quality journals generally publish high-quality articles.

b) Empirical research that is based on theoretical footing is valued more highly.

c) A high-quality empirical study can provide proof of a theory.

d) Details about the study's sampling and measures of key variables are important for evaluating its quality.

Correct answer: c

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Chapter 2

Evaluating Titles

1. All of the guidelines below should be followed in a good title of an empirical article, EXCEPT:

a) Avoid asking a question that has a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

b) Mention in the title every variable that was used in the study.

c) Name in the article title the theory the study is testing.

d) Make the title specific and relatively short.

Correct answer: b

2. When the text suggests that the article title should not be too long, what is 'too long'?

a) Over 15 words.

b) Over 10 words.

c) Over 5 words.

d) The specific number of words is not mentioned in the text.

Correct answer: a

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3. The text suggests that both key variables and the type of participants should be mentioned in the article title. Which one of the following titles meets both criteria?

a) The test of attribution theory on middle-schoolers in rural Virginia.

b) The effects of direct parental control on delinquency among home-schooled boys.

c) The effectiveness of family counseling in reducing child aggression: What works?

d) Tell me who your friend is: High-quality listening increases subjective well-being.

Correct answer: b

4. Which one of these article titles implies that the study involved an experiment?

a) The test of attribution theory on middle-schoolers in rural Virginia.

b) The dimensions of parental control associated with rebellious behavior in adolescents.

c) The effects of family counseling on reductions in child aggression.

d) Tell me who your friend is: High-quality listening increases subjective well-being.

Correct answer: c

5. Unless the study involved an experiment or quasi-experiment, all of the following words should be avoided in the title, EXCEPT:

a) effect.

b) impact.

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c) influence.

d) intransigence.

Correct answer: d

6. All of the following would look good in an article title or subtitle, EXCEPT:

a) mentioning distinguishing characteristics of the study.

b) using acronyms that are not widely known.

c) providing important specific information about the study.

d) mentioning the name of the theory the study tests.

Correct answer: b

7. Which of the following units in a sample are considered aggregate?

a) individuals.

b) neighborhoods.

c) parents.

d) military veterans.

Correct answer: b

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8. Why is it important that study results should not be described in the title?

a) The researchers should not easily give out the key takeaway from their study.

b) The publishers want the readers to read the whole article, not just the title.

c) The study results are too complex to be concisely stated in the article title.

d) The title of the article should be catchy, and describing the results would make it boring.

Correct answer: c

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Chapter 3

Evaluating Abstracts

1. All of the following article highlights should be mentioned in an abstract, EXCEPT:

a) Purpose of the study.

b) Key features of research methodology.

c) Main results of the study.

d) Implications for future research.

Correct answer: d

2. Which one of the following rules about article abstracts is INCORRECT?

a) If a study tests a theory, it should be mentioned in the abstract.

b) If a study evaluates the reliability or validity of a measure, the title of the measure should be mentioned in the abstract.

c) If a study builds upon previous research literature, it should be mentioned in the abstract.

d) If a study has produced some interesting results, they should be mentioned in the abstract.

Correct answer: c

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3. What is the main reason that a vague statement of implications should not be used in the abstract?

a) Implications are not part of the original research summarized in the abstract.

b) Implications are too complex to fit into a short format of the abstract.

c) Researchers can rarely assess the implications of their study correctly.

d) The readers do not have much interest in research implications.

Correct answer: b

4. When evaluating article abstracts, which of the following is NOT important?

a) Objectives.

b) Literature review.

c) Methods.

d) Results of the study.

Correct answer: b

5. There are three important parts of the study that should be reflected in the abstract. What are they?

a) Objectives, methods, and results.

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b) Objectives, results, and implications.

c) Methods, results, and implications.

d) Results, implications, and future directions.

Correct answer: a

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Chapter 4

Evaluating Introductions and Literature Reviews

1. Which one of the following statements about the introduction and literature review portion of an article is INCORRECT?

a) As soon as possible at the beginning of the article, a specific problem the study focuses on should be outlined.

b) The importance of a research problem is determined by the reader's personal interest in it.

c) Introductions often use statistical information to establish the importance of a research problem.

d) If a study is based on a theory, the theory should be briefly described in the introduction.

Correct answer: b

2. There are several ways for a researcher to establish the importance of a problem area. Which one is the weakest approach?

a) Providing statistics on the prevalence of the problem.

b) Citing prominent or influential authors.

c) Bringing up actions by governmental or professional bodies.

d) Citing anecdotal evidence or personal experience.

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