

***Evaluating Research in Academic Journals - A
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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

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

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.

- 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

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

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.

- 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

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

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

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.

- b) Objectives, results, and implications.
- c) Methods, results, and implications.
- d) Results, implications, and future directions.

Correct answer: a

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.