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The title page should include:

- A concise and informative title
- The name(s) of the author(s)
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The abstract should be between 100-150 words. It must be in a 10-point Arial, justified horizontal alignment and single-spaced. The first line of the abstract must not be indented from the rest of the text. One double space, 10-point Arial, separates the abstract, the affiliation, and the first section of the article.

### Abstract Writing Style

- Use specific words, phrases, concepts, and keywords from your paper.
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- The abstract should be written with correct English-language grammar and spelling.
- Write from an objective, rather than evaluative, point of view.
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- Write one paragraph, from 100 to 150 words in length and be written with 10



font size.

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- Use verbs in the active voice.

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2. **Methodology:** Section that describes the participants (e.g., demographics, selection criteria or sampling procedure, and group assignment), the materials (e.g., task[s], equipment, instruments, including a discussion of their validity and reliability, if appropriate), and the procedures employed in the study such as treatment(s) and data analysis.
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### Article Formatting (The Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Journal)

All manuscripts to be submitted for publication in the journal should be in letter-sized paper, with 1.0 paragraph spacing, use Cambria 10pt font, and observe side margins: top and bottom – 1”; left and right - 1.25”. Maximum of 20 pages to include table of contents,



graphs, tables, references and appendices.

## Sample

### **Exploring students' visual conception of matter and its implications to teaching and learning chemistry (font size 13, Cambria, justified)**

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### **Introduction (10, Cambria, bold face)**

The introduction should contain the ***background of the study, the research questions, selected literature reviews, conceptual framework and research hypothesis.*** Font size 10, Cambria and justified. Headings for subtopics should be italicized, bold face.

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Methodology section should contain the ***participants, sampling and research design and apparatus and materials.*** Font size 10, Cambria and justified. Headings for subtopics should be italicized, bold face.

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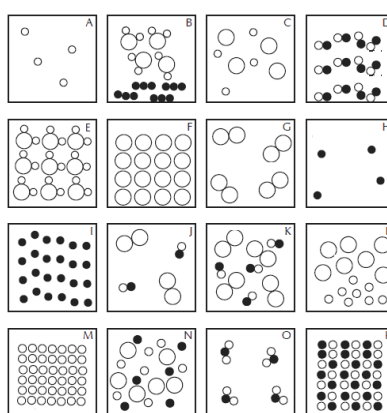


Figure 1. Visual conception models

Tables should be numbered continuously. The heading “Table 1” should have a font size of 8, Cambria. Table title should be italicized with font size 8, Cambria font. Below is an example.

Table 3  
*Independent Samples Mann-Whitney U Test on Interest in Chemistry Pretest*

	N	Mean Rank	Sum of Ranks	<i>U</i>	<i>p</i>
COPT	39	38.97	1520	703.0	0.847
TTA	37	38.00	1406		
Total	76				

\* $p < 0.05$

Consult APA 6 for other statistical tables.

Use APA 6 in reporting statistical results. Below is an example for t-test.

Table 3 shows that there is no significant difference in the posttest mean scores in the WGCTA of COPT ( $M=53.1$ ,  $SD= 8.31$ ) and TTA ( $M=52.4$ ,  $SD=6.53$ ),  $t(73) = 0.352$ ,  $p$



=0.363. This result suggests that the critical thinking skills of students who were taught using COPT and those who were exposed to TTA were comparable even after intervention.

Consult APA 6 for other statistical tests.

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The discussion part should answer each research question based on the results. Font size 10, Cambria and justified. Headings for subtopics should be italicized, bold face.

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Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48.  
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### Magazine article

Chamberlin, J., Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being: Occupational health psychologists convene to share their research on work, stress, and health. *Monitor on Psychology*, 39(5), 26-29.

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Clay, R. (2008, June). Science vs. ideology. Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research. *Monitor on Psychology*, 39(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

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Six sites meet for comprehensive anti-gang initiative conference. (2006, November/December). *OJJDP News @ a Glance*. Retrieved from [http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/news\\_at\\_glance/216684/topstory.html](http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/news_at_glance/216684/topstory.html)

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