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| 3. Keywords (5-6) are relevant to the research content and are listed alphabetically | 2 |  |
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| 4. Includes introduction to the topic, research gap, research objective(s), research methods, findings, and significance | 5 |  |
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| **Introduction** |
| 6. Clearly presents the study topic and research problem | 4 |  |
| 7. Explains significance and need for the study | 3 |  |
| 8. Provides adequate literature review | 3 |  |
| 9. States clear objectives/research questions and or research hypothesis | 2 |  |
| 10. Research objectives are SMART and questions/hypothesis follow FINER criteria | 2 |  |
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| 11. Explains research design and methods clearly | 4 |  |
| 12. Justifies choice of research design  | 3 |  |
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| 16. Findings are properly presented in a logical order | 4 |  |
| 17. Findings are related to study's title and objectives | 5 |  |
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