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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 |  |
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| 12. Justifies choice of research method | 3 |  |
| 13. Describes source selection criteria (relevance, timeline, credibility) | 2 |  |
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| 21. Presents author's own conclusions | 5 |  |
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