

Abstract writing assignment

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Assignment: Read the attached article. Provide a title, write an abstract and identify 5 or 6 keywords that could be used to quickly reference the article in a search engine. No hand written submissions will be accepted.

1. Title

Concise and informative. Titles are often used in information-retrieval systems. Avoid abbreviations and formulae where possible.

2. Abstract

A concise and factual abstract is required. In general, the abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the methods and data used, the results and major conclusions. An abstract is often presented separate from the article, so it must be able to stand alone. References should therefore be avoided, but if essential, they must be cited in full, without reference to the reference list. Non-standard or uncommon abbreviations should be avoided, but if essential they must be defined at their first mention in the abstract itself. Use a maximum of 250 words.

3. Keywords

Immediately after the abstract, provide a maximum of 6 keywords, avoiding general and plural terms and multiple concepts (avoid, for example, 'and', 'of'). Be sparing with abbreviations: only abbreviations firmly established in the field may be eligible. These keywords will be used for indexing purposes.