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5. Keywords: Between five and seven (Compound keywords should be avoided).
6. Introduction: The author is expected to give a strong background of the study with preliminary literature review from global to local perspective. Study gap and justification of the study must be indicated.
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8. Methodology: This section includes research design, population and sampling procedures, validity and reliability and data analysis plans.
9. Results and Discussion: This section should be guided by relevant research questions that guide the study. Results should be presented in Tables that are in harmony with APA format (**See Appendix A**).
10. Conclusions and Recommendations: Each research question should have its respective conclusion and recommendation in brief.
11. Citations and References: Strictly follow APA Guideline (**See Appendix B and C**).

APPENDICES

- A. SAMPLE OF TABLES IN APA FORMAT:** The table should be drawn from automatic insertion in Microsoft word as appears in Table 1 below, and then lines within the table should be deleted as appears in Table 2 below:

Table 1: Differences in *Students' Disciplinary Cases as Perceived by Teachers*

SN	Disciplinary Case	Schools' Mean Scores		Significance Sig. (2-tailed)
		Teaching CRE	Not Teaching CRE	
1.	Disciplinary Cases in General	2.36	3.12	0.00*
2.	Premarital Relations	2.16	2.88	0.00*
3.	Dodging from Obligatory tasks	2.33	2.88	0.00*
4.	Sabotage experiences	2.04	2.42	0.02*
5.	Students Suspension	1.97	2.42	0.05
6.	Pregnancy Cases	1.64	2.30	0.00*
7.	Students' Riots	1.87	2.27	0.03*
8.	Examination Malpractice	1.71	1.74	0.81
9.	Student-Student Fighting	2.02	2.38	0.03*
10.	Drug Abuse Experiences	1.58	2.00	0.01*
11.	Bullying	2.02	2.44	0.13*

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C. SAMPLE OF REFERENCES AND CITATIONS (Note that we have included APA version 7 for authors and reviewers to familiarize themselves with)

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Creswell, J. W. (2008). Educational research: Planning, conducting and evaluating quantitative and qualitative research. (3rded.). New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Kowino, J. O., Agak, J. O., and Kochung, J. E. (2012). The role of teaching Christian Religious Education to the development of critical thinking amongst Kenyan secondary school students in Kisumu East District, Kenya. *International Journal of Academic Research in Progressive Education and Development*1, 2(5), 113-133.

THESIS

Aroni, M. A. (2003). Perceptions on social education and ethics and Christian religious studies in Kenya: A study of secondary schools in Kiambaa Division. Master of Education Unpublished Thesis, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya.

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Author, A. (Year, Month Date of Publication). Article title. Retrieved from URL

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Article title. (Year, Month Date of Publication). Retrieved from URL

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Teen posed as doctor at West Palm Beach hospital: police. (2015, January 16). Retrieved from <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Teen-Posed-as-Doctor-at-West-Palm-Beach-Hospital-Police-288810831.html>

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS USING APA VERSION 7 (RELEASED IN OCTOBER 2019)

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- ✓ Tables and Figures have not been revised (remained as guided in Version 6) Version 7

In-text citations:

2. The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. You only include the first author's name and "et al."

- × (Taylor, Kotler, Johnson, & Parker, 2018)
- ✓ (Taylor et al., 2018)
- ✓ (Mbowa et al., 2020)

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References

The publisher location is no longer included in the reference.

- × Covey, S. R. (2013). *The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster.
- ✓ **Covey, S. R. (2013). *The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change*. Simon & Schuster.**

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- × Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., ... Lee, L. H. (2018).

- ✓ Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., Lewis, F., Lee, L. H., Cox, G., Harris, H. L., Martin, P., Gonzalez, W. L., Hughes, W., Carter, D., Campbell, C., Baker, A. B., Flores, T., Gray, W. E., Green, G., ... Nelson, T. P. (2018).
- ✓ Mbowa, H.S., Makewa, L.N., Murongo, M., Titus Mutia Kithome, T.M., William Mudahemuka, W. & Winnie Ngila, W. (2020). Technology Integration Imbalances/Challenges in Higher Institutions of Learning: A Case of Private and Public Universities in East African Region. *Journal of Research in Innovation and Implication in Education*, 4(1), 1-9.

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- ✓ Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., Johnson, A., Ito, H., Ramirez, J., Jones, H., Anderson, P., Winkle, S., Short, A., Bergen, W., Wentworth, J., Ramos, P., Woo, L., Martin, B., Josephs, M., ... Brown, Z. (2005). Study of the brain. *Psychology Journal* 32(1), 1-15. doi:10.1037/1061-4087.45.1.11

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- × doi: 10.1080/02626667.2018.1560449
- ✓ <https://doi.org/10.1080/02626667.2018.1560449>

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- × Walker, A. (2019, November 14). Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak. Retrieved from <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127>
- ✓ **Walker, A. (2019, November 14). Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak. *BBC News*. <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127>**

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- × Brück, M. (2009). Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites [Kindle version]. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2>
- ✓ **Brück, M. (2009). *Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites*. Springer Nature. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2>**

Newspaper Article

Without Author:

It’s subpoena time. (2007, June 8). *New York Times*.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2007/06/08/opinion/08fri1.html>

With Author:

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- ✓ A researcher’s career depends on how often they are cited.

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