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Preface

This book is made up of several chapters with each giving a comprehensive view of topics of great importance in the act of research writing and publication. Most graduating students have faint idea of how to write a research proposal. However, final year students are expected to develop a research proposal towards the projects they will undertake in the partial fulfillment of their academic award. The act of writing a good research proposal is a skill which must be learnt and not innate. Mastering the act however comes with practice. But before one can do this practice, the needs for the rudiments of the act to be learnt and understood is of utmost importance.

The main objective of this book is to help students, would-be-research fellows and lecturers to get a good grasp of the technicalities involved in the act of research writing and publishing. It starts with a chapter that introduces the readers to the various constituents of research proposal writing by explaining the various technical terms and how to handle them in practice. For instance stating the research problem has always been a tussle for most a people. The writers have come up with a new approach, a novelty for that matter of simply defining the research problem as “the differentials of idealism and realism”. Hence the arrangement of the difference between idealism and realism in structure and sequence encapsulates the problem statement of a particular research. To help easy understanding samples of academic or research and business proposals have been included.

It is one thing undertaking a research and another thing writing the research report which once the former acts has taken place the later cannot be ignored. The book gives a comprehensive way of approaching the research reporting thus making it a must read book for all tertiary students preparing for the project report write ups. The book also gives detailed explanation on how to do reference both in-text and out-of-text for the APA format.

The later chapters of this book concentrated things to do to get ones findings from a research disseminated to the targeted clientele of the research. They include selecting the journals or medium of publication, peer-review process to acceptance and final publication of the findings. The authors have included copies examples gleaned from personal pool of experience and presented samples of such documentation for novices interested of becoming contributors towards the expansion of the frontiers of knowledge for betterment of the world.

It is said that the proof of the pudding is in its eating, just have a taste!

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