Creative Writing and Publishing Problems of Educational Research in Pakistan

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Abstract

Purpose: The reason of this research article is presenting some principles establish in creative writing and publishing the article in any journal. Paper publishing is a very tough job and time-consuming process mostly in Pakistan. Even within Pakistan, there are a lot of journals we have, who making difficult to decide what appropriate venue is for one’s research and creative writing. Luckily, many of the obstacles along the writing and publishing path can be avoided by following some simple guidelines and practices.

Methodology: The methodology of the research paper is supported on literature review and articles. Essential issues and barriers of publishing a research paper in any journal and conference is the aim of this study. By using examples of technology-based learning and by explaining from literature review the manuscript acquired an interdisciplinary stance.

Findings: findings of the study were made the understanding how to solve problems in creative writing and publishing problems of educational research in Pakistan. (a) Lack knowledge of important parts of a research paper. (b) Lack knowledge of how to describe data in data analyses. (c) Some may have weak critical thinking or brainstorming skills. (d) Some are not able to craft an impeccable research paper which lands in either of the HEC approved journals or in any international journal. (e) Few Researchers try to seek help from some external sources which may appear to offer them cheap research papers but, in the end, may eventually rob them of a lot of money and will deliver them deplorable research papers.

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Introduction

Writing is an inherently creative process. To a researcher whose inventiveness attached with critical thinking is the key to achievement; it would seem like a good deal. Alas, many researchers don't think of themselves as skilled writers, they find the job of writing intimidating and difficult things.
A research paper must meet certain requirements about how the paper was written in professional writing and how it was published. The method to publication is as important as the content, style and organization of the published paper. By this, scientific articles must be valid publications, i.e., published at appropriate places, such as peer-reviewed journals or highest ranked conferences. A top ranked paper must have followed all steps of a research article abstract, objective, population, methodology, findings and conclusion. Researcher must follow all required rules and regulations of perspective journal. The purpose of this article was to organize the creative writing and publishing issues of writing and publishing article in Pakistan.

Before writing the article, it is helpful to underline more than a few journals that you could submit the final article to. It also lends a hand to familiarize the researcher with the styles, font, structure and requirements of journals. Different journals have different criteria to publish a manuscript and we should follow these criteria. Having researched possible aim journals, we should have a understandable design about our target readers, enabling us to terrain the level of the article suitably.

**Statement of the Problem**

“Creative Writing and Publishing Problems of Educational Research in Pakistan” was the statement of the problem.

**Objectives**

1. To find out problems in writing research article.
2. To explain problems of publish a research article in Pakistan.
3. To explain the benefits to follow the rules of writing and publishing an article.

**Methodology**

An unsystematic-review study was conducted and the literature was investigated to appraise the “Creative Writing and Publishing Problems of Educational Research in Pakistan” by explaining with the help of data bank, different search engines, books, libraries, conference proceedings and Google.

**Data Analysis**

In this study, more than 50 articles and reports composed and 16 of them were preferred supported on their relevancy and generated the results and conclusion.

**Writing and Publishing Problems of Educational Research**

To convey technical information to the new researcher and readers we evenly go through with scientific manuscripts, for this, it is usually intended to be an uncomplicated presentation and discussion. Text body of article should be understandable that must help the hand to that the scientific aspect of the manuscript may be challenging enough for the reader to comprehend. Sentence and text of this boy should simple and easy and support the endeavor scientific information. Unluckily Researchers of Pakistan face a lot of troubles in developing a research paper and in publication also. Some of them are here below:

**Select the Field for a Topic**

Students are not clear to choose a topic for research article some students don’t know how to select a topic discussed mostly researcher select the same problem which has already discussed in same context. It is very important to choose and formulate the research topic correctly. For this don’t choose too extensive questions to study. For example, if you want to analyze the creative activities of F. Scott Fitzgerald, then stop either at one particular life stage or thoroughly study the history of him creating a particular literary work. For example, you can analyze the role of Myrtle Wilson in "The Great Gatsby". A scientific instructor should help you with the choice of the topic Pawson, R. (2001).
Creating a Plan
The plan will help a researcher to organize the particular points that he/she want to tell the scientific community about, his thoughts on this matter and the conclusions that you draw on their basis. In the first part, you must set a goal and talk about the state of affairs in the area that you intend to investigate. Then researcher should describe the conducted experiments or write about his observations. In the end, summarize observations and draw conclusions.

Study the Topic
Study the topic is also very important without complete awareness it is impossible to define it. After the selection of topic researcher must be aware of the previous research about this issue. For this purpose, internet is the best source for a researcher to find all the materials that have been published recently on this issue both in our country and abroad. Make sure that the element of novelty is present in research work.

1. Structure of a Research Paper
- Statement of the problem
- Abstract
- Introduction of the study
- Statement of the problem
- Methodology: in this portion need to explain design of the study, theories and experiments experiment.
- findings
- Conclusion

How to Conduct the Research
- It is very important to put forward a hypothesis, a scientific assumption. This concretizes the subject of the research. The hypothesis must be supported by logical considerations or data, it must be justified. During the research, this hypothesis must be tested, and consequently, found to be true or false. Next, you need to set the tasks of your research. Do not confuse tasks with goals. Goals show what we want to get. Tasks represent the necessary research processes, because the goal may not be achieved.
- It is also very important to include the literature review in the paper. We summarize the known facts about the phenomenon under investigation and reveal the direction of our research. Having written the
literature review, we will master the material and be able to give reasoned answers to the questions of listeners during the report.

- Goodman NW, Edwards MB (2006) stated that we also need to describe the research methodology. As a speaker, we need to know in which specific areas this methodology can be applied and how stable it is.
- Be sure to present your data. Mathematical studies are characterized using many formulas. So, these formulas do not need to be presented separately. We need to analyze all the data we use and put forward only the most important data as working data. The graphical form of working data presentation is the most descriptive one Schuh, A. (2010).
- The received data should be compared with the data from the literature sources and analyzed for the establishment of a certain pattern, which will need to be described in the research paper. We finish the paper with the conclusions. They must correspond to the hypothesis and tasks of the study. In fact, that's it The University of Chicago (2010).

### Plagiarism Problem

Plagiarism rate is still high among university students. The main problems are maybe our students don't know what behaviors consider plagiarism and how to avoid it, so they did it unintentionally. What do you think the best way to overcome this? The plagiarism is a bigger-growing problem (Park, 2003; Wilhoit, 1994), for that reason being well-informed about the plagiarism for all researchers should have a great importance nowadays to stick to the ethical norms E. Esra, Tuba. G (2009). It’s easy to find information for most research papers, but it’s not always easy to add that information into your paper without falling into the plagiarism trap. There are easy ways to avoid plagiarism. Follow some simple steps while writing your research paper to ensure that your document will be free of plagiarism Ercegovac and Richardson, (2004).

### Paraphrase

for your research you search out some material you read it and describe it into your own words. For this purpose, keep in mind do not duplicate verbatim more than two words in a row from the text you have found. Quotation marks can use if you want to reuse this material again as it is. If we use paraphrasing effectively, we have these benefits in our research article.

- We can save space and maintain our study more focused for readers.
- Condense difficult information into easy language so that all new researcher and readers can go through with this.
- Always provides our own authorial voice paper to avoid duplication of material.

### Cite

To avoid plagiarism citing is second effective way. Follow APA, MLA, Chicago, etc. formatting standards. Quoting is when you use the exact words from a source so when you want to use this you should put quotation marks around the words that are not your own and cite where these came from.

### Research Referencing

Referencing is an important part of academic work. It puts your work in context, demonstrates the breadth and depth of your research, and acknowledges other people's work. You should reference whenever you use someone else’s idea. It is most important part of a research paper so we should follow the patron of this and must add original references at the end of research paper.

### Privacy of Participants

Keep privacy of all participants who are the part of study is most important researcher must value the privacy of participants and share only information that is necessary to understand the research material. Maintaining privacy of participants help the researchers:
➢ To set up trust among the research participants and the investigator.
➢ To decreases issues on the part of the individual.
➢ To upholds the dignity of all participants.
➢ To adds respect of all participants.
➢ To promotes autonomy and control in participants.

Originality
Another important part is researcher used original material and didn’t use any fake information or copied data. Researcher must use proper citation, one’s own words, credit and complete references. Researcher used plagiarized material because it is not acceptable if it has plagiarism above than 20%. To avoid unintentional/accidental plagiarism, follow these guidelines:

➢ Understand what types of information must be cited.
➢ Understand what constitutes fair dealing of a source.
➢ Keep source materials and notes carefully organized.
➢ Follow guidelines for summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting sources.

Research Article Publishing Problems
In Pakistan, young researcher faces a lot of challenges in accomplishing the goal of becoming well published researcher. Some problems are:
➢ “These are written for supervisors who have to be convinced that one has really done work. No corners are cut. Space is no object […] nothing of this applies to learned journals.”
➢ Nothing should be spelled out by the professional public, as a substitute it “would like to learn something it did not already know, expressed in succinct prose, the points made in an agile and alert manner.”
➢ All efforts ought to through to place the paper in that suitable journal after having selected the chosen journal for publication. It is ready to lend a hand to study papers before published in that journal with respect to paper organization, presentation and writing style.
➢ The researchers have to ask themselves that the experiments he/she used are meeting accepted standards and that the method of having records of the research work is agreed upon in the target community.

Hammermeister, S. (2002) offers some technical and scientific writing rules:
✓ Interpreting in more than one way is wrong way.
✓ Researcher must aware audience, subject, research purpose.
✓ Writing should be clear, correct and concise. If it works, do it

Cormode, G. (2013) states the following principles for solving problems of writing style: Be simple and concise.
➢ You must aware of meaning of every word that use in research.
➢ Make sure no any grammatically error is present in writing.
➢ Writing should be rephrased and have no any pilgrims.

Identification of Suitable Journal and Submit the Manuscript
It is very difficult to identify suitable journal according to the manuscript in Pakistan. And after searched a journal reaching a article from submission to a final peer-review decision can be an opaque and time taking process sometimes it is a tired process too. Here some points are mentioned to identify the best journal:
➢ The work of manuscript should coincide with the demand of this journal.
➢ At least a few members of the journal making the decision to accept, or reject the article.
➢ All steps of publishing a manuscript have been clearly defined in the portion of guidelines for an author.
➢ A track record of effective communication and updates about the manuscript including post publication must define before the submission of a research material.
➢ Journal must have open access, sharing on social media, indexing, and creative presentation of article to the readers of worldwide.
➢ And last is this that avoids submitting articles to unfair and dishonest publishers that do not perform standards peer review and promise unpredictably fast publication.

**Reformatting**
For submission journals have fixed format and styles for manuscript e.g., heading, font, legend images, color of figures, style of references. It is time losing process to reformatting the material an article. It is need to allow a author to submit the article in flexible formats as he/she can do easily mostly in case of resubmission or manuscript. Journal should support author in the process of submission.

**Script language**
Language is a major barrier for author to write and submit the manuscript in a journal. English is prevailed medium of instruction of mostly journals and in Pakistan English is second language of communication so it is difficult to write in accurate accent and style of English language. This medium has discouraged the writers to write a manuscript and published it. So it has great pressure on newer researcher to write it and published it on international level. Evaluating a linguistically erroneous manuscript is an onerous task for reviewers, and it diverts focus of researcher from their main topic or variable.

**Improper use of English Grammar**
Rejection of article just because of improper use of English grammar is another major problem. Pakistani researcher facing blunt of this issue and mostly takes the help of any other person to edit it and third person use the meaning of sentence according to his/her own way so the researcher loss his target of statement and main theme. It is equally important for all researchers to write the article properly in English so all readers and other researchers can understand easily.

**Peer- Review System**
Following a deep study and experimentation, researcher expands a scientific manuscript, which once peer-reviewed, acknowledged and published in a scientific journal, turns into a source of reference for education, funding decisions, and further research. Therefore, peer review structure is crucial part in scientific publication even though it has some limitations and imperfections.

**Conclusion**
The purpose of this manuscript was to provide an introduction to professional writing problems of educational research in Pakistan and also give idea that how a research paper published in a journal. The structural parts of a typical research paper and some problems are also discussed here in detail and throw light on how develop the structure and the script write can be skilled based on high-quality examples and essential suggestions. A number of characteristics that discriminate script for publication from writing other parts of text like thesis of PhD, rules and steps which involved in the publication process in journals and conferences. These obstacles and clarifications of these problems are very fruitful. Experts’ researchers, supervisors and chairs of research committee can utilize these rules to argue models of authorship at near the beginning phase in any script. Students of Postgraduate and newer researchers can also use these principles to commence a conversation concerning about authorship, predominantly if the subject has not been moved up by their supervisors. Writers’ contribution is typically planned at the end of the document by the majority of the journals. In research area technology improved knowledge very
Therefore, the skill of script and publishing papers in technology improved educational conferences and journals are less grown-up than in conventional disciplines from the natural and social sciences. In fact, all researchers either new ones or experts are the backbone of journals, who give services time to time in conducting different studies, authoring manuscripts to volunteering as reviewer or editor the research manuscript. In this age of technology, we are in a wonderful world where day by day we are dependent on others’ researches for a superior reason of determining and reporting to solve unmet needs in all fields of education. To make publishing procedure very smooth, well-organized, cost-effective, and productive researcher plays a major role. A successful researcher gets motivated after crossed all steps of peer-reviewed and many other barriers to write and publish any other manuscript. We all are strongly knitted together and this evolution in publishing will create a cooperative and nurturing environment for the advancement of research

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