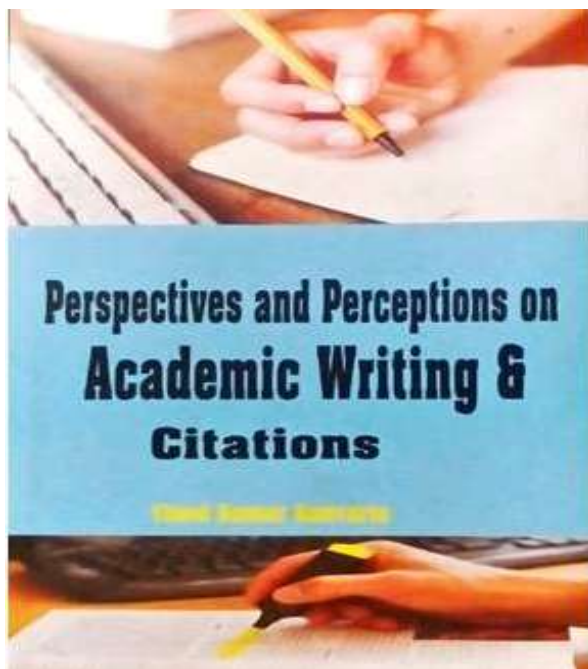


Book Summary: Perspectives and Perceptions on Academic Writing and Citations

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The book focuses on the processes and styles of academic writing. It has been divided into three main sections that trace the journey of academic writing. The first two chapters present an introduction to academic writing, highlighting the need for academic writing. It emphasises the need for citation, elaborating upon concepts of plagiarism, copywriting and paraphrasing, among others.

The seven chapters in the second section focus on



academic writing and the key areas of foci in it. In the third chapter, the various types of academic writing have been briefly discussed. This chapter also focuses on citing social media in academic

research. The chapter by Rajput presents the process of academic writing, also presenting a structure of writing that can serve as a guide for researchers. The next chapter serves a useful purpose by distinguishing between personal and academic writing. It also presents the principles of academic writing and elaborately discusses various citation styles. Chapter Six focuses on APA, the most popularly used citation style, and presents useful examples to various kinds of citations. Chapter Seven addresses the important issues of academic integrity, copyright infringement and plagiarism. The final chapter in this section targets beginning researchers, introducing them to frequently used terms that are often not understood. These include discussions on indices, citations, and impact factor.

In the concluding section and chapter, the editor has presented an analysis of data collected on opinions on academic writing and citation. Analysis of individual questions on academic writing in an opinionnaire has been presented through bar diagrams, followed by an overall discussion of the same.

The book is useful for not just beginning researchers but serves as a useful resource for academic writing in general. In contemporary times that are marked by fervent academic activity and publication, this book will be a useful tool for all engaged in the fields of education and research. The expertise of the authors of various chapters in the book is valuable to those engaged in authentic research writing.



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