

# English Proficiency Exam

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## Instructions

Read the text carefully and answer the questions. Don't forget, you must answer only in Portuguese! Answers in English will not be considered.

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## Writing a Literature Review Research Paper: A step-by-step approach

Ramdhani, A.; Ramdhani, M.A.; Amin, A.S. Writing a Literature Review Research Paper: A step-by-step approach. **International Journal of Basic and Applied Science**, v.03, n.01, p.47-56, 2014.

**Abstract** – *Writing a literature review in the pre or post-qualification, will be required to undertake a literature review, either as part of a course of study, as a key step in the research process. A literature review can be just a simple summary of the sources, but it usually has an organizational pattern and combines both summary and synthesis. It demands a range of skills, such as learning how to define topics for exploration, acquiring skills of literature searching and retrieval, developing the ability to analyze and synthesize data as well as becoming adept at writing and reporting, often within a limited time scale. The aim of this article is to present a step-by-step approach to writing a literature review research paper to facilitate student and novice reviewers' understanding.*

3. 1. What a literature review can be?

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4. 2. What skills does a literature review demand?

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5. 3. What is the aim of this article?

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## **1 Introduction**

A literature review discusses published information in a particular subject area, and sometimes information in a particular subject area within a certain time period. A literature review of a mature topic addresses the need for a critique of, and the potential reconceptualization of, the expanding and more diversified knowledge base of the topic as it continues to develop. The second kind of literature review addresses new or emerging topics that would benefit from a holistic conceptualization and synthesis of the literature. Because these topics are relatively new and have not yet undergone a comprehensive review of the literature, the review is more likely to lead to an initial or preliminary conceptualization of the topic like a new model or framework.

6. 4. What does the literature review discuss?

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7. 5. How would you translate "*diversified knowledge*"?

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8. 6. Describe the second type of literature review.

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### 3      **Systematic Literature Review**

The purpose of a systematic literature review is to provide as complete a list as possible of all the published and unpublished studies relating to a particular subject area. It is different with traditional reviews that attempt to summarize results of a number of studies, systematic reviews use explicit and rigorous criteria to identify, critically evaluate and synthesize all the literature on a particular topic (Cronin, et al, 2008). Primary purpose of this article is to provide the reader with a comprehensive background for understanding current knowledge and highlighting the significance of new research. It can inspire research ideas by identifying gaps or inconsistencies in a body of knowledge, thus helping the researcher to determine or define research questions or hypotheses.

9. 7. What is the purpose of a systematic literature review?

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10. 8. How systematic review is different from traditional reviews?

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11. 9. What is the primary purpose of this article?

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12. 10. Translate "*It can inspire research ideas by identifying gaps or inconsistencies in a body of knowledge [...]*"?

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