

## **CRITICAL ANALYSIS TOPICS FOR THEORETICAL ARTICLES/ESSAYS**

The paper should be structured according to the following sections.

### **Title**

- It is limited to 16 words
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish

### **Abstract**

- It is limited to 170 words
- It identifies the background
- It identifies the objectives
- It identifies the main topics under analysis
- It includes a conclusion
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish
- Without citations

### **Keywords**

- The article is limited to 6 keywords, presented according to the MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)/ DeCS (Descritores em Ciências da Saúde) descriptors

### **Introduction**

- It defines the theoretical issue to be discussed
- It explains the motives and relevance of the issue
- It provides a context to the issue in terms of the existing knowledge
- It specifies the procedures and sources used
- It describes the objectives of the study

### **Development**

- It presents the contents in a logical sequence
- It develops ideas in a critical way consistent with the defined objectives
- The arguments are substantiated in a coherent way

- The arguments presented are relevant and appropriate to the context
- The statements comply with ethical and legal principles
- It summarises what is new about the article in relation to what was already known

### **Conclusion**

- It presents a conclusive synthesis
- It identifies the contribution of the article to the existing knowledge in a specific field
- It alludes to the implications/recommendations found for both theory/practice and research

### **References**

- Maximum of 30 references; at least 80% should be from articles in journals indexed in international databases and from the last three years
- In accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020)