

Quiz for Write Your Scientific Journal Article course, Lesson 3

Please note that some questions may have more than one correct answer.

1. Which stage of the project management approach does pre-writing fit into?
 - a. Initiating
 - b. Planning
 - c. Monitoring
 - d. Executing
 - e. Controlling

2. Writing all sections of your manuscript falls into which step of the writing process?
 - a. Planning
 - b. Prewriting
 - c. Drafting
 - d. Revising and Editing
 - e. Submitting

3. Who decides on whether your manuscript will be reviewed by your target journal?
 - a. Associate Editor
 - b. Editor in Chief
 - c. Handling Editor
 - d. Peer Reviewers
 - e. Corresponding Author

4. Who decides on whether or not your manuscript will be accepted for publication?
 - a. Copyeditor
 - b. Peer Reviewers
 - c. Corresponding Author
 - d. Associate Editor

5. What is the most common outcome for a first submission to a journal?
 - a. Reject or reject and resubmit
 - b. Could be accepted with revisions
 - c. Accept
 - d. Desk reject

6. How do you know about word limits, abstract format, key word requirements, etc. for a target journal?
 - a. Read the Table of Contents
 - b. Read the Instructions for Authors
 - c. Read recent editions of the journal
 - d. Look at recent published papers in that journal

7. When should you decide on who will be listed as an author?
 - a. Before you begin writing
 - b. After the first draft is written
 - c. About half-way through writing the manuscript
 - d. Just before submitting to the target journal

8. Who is qualified to be an author?
 - a. Anyone who collected data for the project
 - b. Anyone who reviewed or edited the manuscript
 - c. Anyone who analyzed at least part of the data
 - d. Anyone who meets the 4 criteria specified in the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals

9. In most of the life sciences, the convention is that the person in first author position:
 - a. Did most of the work and writing
 - b. Secured the funding
 - c. Is the corresponding author
 - d. Is the head of the laboratory

10. You should edit your sentences as you write your first draft
 - a. True, because it is important to produce a perfect first draft
 - b. True, because it will save time later
 - c. False, because it is not efficient
 - d. False, because you might delete those sentences later

Answer key:

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. C and D