Assignment

There is only one assignment for this course. It has two parts: Part 1 and 2. Read the instructions carefully to complete the assignment.

PART 1

Select 3 abstracts (usually written in about 200-259 words) that precede the main text of journal articles written on a field about English language studies. Identify the following information:

- aim of the study
- the method(s) used to collect data
- the major findings

Photostat the abstract selected and paste it on a piece of paper. Acknowledge the source (You don’t have to attach the full article). Write your description immediately after that. Use the above headings for your description.

Your description for each abstract should not exceed 50-60 words. You don’t have to use complete sentences to describe the aim or the method. Major findings should be written in full paraphrased sentences. This means you should use your own words.

EXAMPLE

Aim of the study

To find out if conferencing has an effect on ESL writing

Method(s) used to collect data

Journal writing

Major findings

Conferencing was found to benefit only the proficient ESL writers. There was no significant difference in performance for the weak writers.
PART 2

Write a two-page proposal for your intended study. Include the following information.

1. Aim of Study
   - one research question

2. Statement of Problem
   - in about 50 words

3. Literature of Review
   - three summaries related to your research question (about 300 words)

4. Method
   - brief description of your method

5. References
   - 5 related readings annotated using the APA citation style

DO NOT EXCEED THE STATED LENGTH. Marks will be deducted.

DEADLINE: 2 weeks before the beginning of the exam week.