**Guide for Authors**

1. **Article Structure:**

   1.1. Title Page: The title page must include: Title, Full name(s) of the author(s), Academic degree(s) and email.

   1.2. Abstract:

Abstract: Must fully correspond to the Persian abstract. Since the journal is indexed in international databases, the English abstract must also be 250 words and include the introduction, methodology, results, conclusions, keywords, and references in a standalone format.

1.3. Main Body of the Article (Maximum 7,000 words)

The manuscript should include the following sections:

1.3.1. Introduction should cover: Problem statement, literature review, research objectives, and significance of the study.

- Must be written continuously in 4–5 paragraphs (approx. 2,000–2,500 words) without subheadings.

1.3.2. Methodology should include: Study population/sample, Materials and tools used, Research procedure, Analytical techniques, Study area/scope.

1.3.3. Results should present descriptive and analytical findings in a clear and concise manner.

1.3.4. Discussion should interpret the significance of the results (not merely repeat them).

- Avoid excessive citations; instead, compare findings with prior research, highlighting similarities and differences.

1.3.5. Conclusion should briefly summarize the key conclusions and provide recommendations.

1.3.6. References

1.3.7. Figures & Illustrations: All diagrams, charts, and maps must be labeled as "Figure" and numbered sequentially.  Must follow consistent formatting with a uniform legend/key.

1. **Formatting Guidelines**

- articles must be typed in Times New Roman 12 (Light) font.

- Page setup: A4 size with margins (Top: 4 cm, Bottom: 3 cm, Left & Right: 3 cm).

- Text alignment: Single-column, single-spaced (Line spacing: Single).

1. **Article Length**

- Maximum 7,000 words or 20 printed pages (including tables, figures, Persian/English abstracts, and references).

1. **Article Title & Author Details**

- Title: Times New Roman 13 (Bold).

- Author names: Times New Roman 10 (Black).

- Academic/Professional titles: Times New Roman 10 (Black).

- Corresponding author’s email & phone number must be provided in a footnote.

1. **Abstract Formatting**

abstracts: Times New Roman 11 (Light), single-column.

1. **Figures & Charts**

- Must be high-quality originals (no screenshots or low-resolution images).

- File formats: PDF, Word, or Excel (minimum 600 dpi resolution).

- Font size in graphs/legends: Must remain readable even after scaling down for print.

- Figure captions (Persian): Lotus 12 (Black, Italic).

1. **Citation Guidelines: References must be cited in-text and listed at the end of the article in APA 6th edition format.**

7.1 In-Text Citations

- Follow parenthetical (author, year, page) format.

  - Example (Persian): (Shakoei, 2008, p. 50)

  - Example (English): (Woods, 2005, p. 27)

- Citations of Persian works must include English translations in footnotes (if applicable).

7.2 Reference List (APA 6th Edition)

- Arrange alphabetically by author’s last name.

- Italicize book/journal titles.

Examples:

- Bourne, L. S. (1981). The geography of housing. London: Edward Arnold.

- Turgat, H. (2001). Culture, continuity and change: Structural analysis of the housing pattern in squatter settlement.Global Environment Research (GBER), 1(1), 17-25.

7.3 Quotations

- Direct/indirect quotes and paraphrased content must be in light font with standard punctuation.

- Always include author(s), year, and page number(s) in parentheses.

7.4 Theses/Dissertations

- Articles derived from student theses must credit the advisor, consultants, and student, with the advisor as the responsible author.