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Module: Writing Skills and Strategies

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Answer the following questions: 8 PTS

1. Why is replicability critical in a Methods section, and what two elements ensure it?

A: Replicability allows others to verify results; sufficient procedural detail and transparent methodology ensure it

2. Describe two advanced Boolean operators to filter irrelevant results when searching for postcolonial critiques of Heart of Darkness.

A: Use AND NOT (e.g., "Heart of Darkness" AND "postcolonial" NOT "film adaptation")

3. Rewrite this definitive claim using hedging: "Our results prove CRISPR-Cas9 causes unintended genomic mutations."

A: "Our results suggest CRISPR-Cas9 may contribute to unintended genomic mutations."

4. How does triangulation strengthen validity in mixed-methods research? Provide a concise example.

A: Cross-verifies findings (e.g., qualitative interviews explain outliers in quantitative survey data)

5. A Discussion section describes results but does not compare them to prior studies. What key analytical element is missing, and why does this matter?

A: Contextualization; fails to situate findings within existing literature, limiting theoretical contribution.

6. A Conclusion reintroduces new data not mentioned in the Results. Why is this methodologically unacceptable?

A: Violates replicability and transparency; Conclusions must reflect existing analysis, not introduce new evidence.

7. Which tense should dominate the Methods and Results sections of an abstract, and why?

A: Simple past (e.g., "data were analyzed") to describe completed actions.

8. What key elements must a well-structured abstract include, according to IMRaD guidelines?

A: Introduction (purpose/research question), Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Fill in the Gap with the appropriate keyword 12PTS

1. The __ Methods __ section must include enough detail for another researcher to replicate the study, such as sampling procedures and data collection methods.
2. A key weakness in Smith's (2020) study was the limitations such as relying solely on self-reported data.
3. To avoid inappropriate language academic writing should avoid colloquial language and contractions like "don't."
4. When discussing past studies in a literature review, the simple past tense is used (e.g., "Brown (2015) found..."), but established theories use the present tense.
5. Mind maps are crucial for organizing complex ideas and can be expanded into a structured outline using tools like Coggle or MindMeister.
6. A study's Discussion section should address limitations, such as small sample sizes, and propose improvements for future research.
7. In qualitative research, triangulation involves cross-verifying findings using multiple data sources (e.g., interviews and observations).
8. The generalizability of findings refers to how results apply beyond the study's specific context, influenced by sampling methods like random sampling.
9. When critiquing a source, focus on gaps like a gap (e.g., failing to investigate rural populations) or a lack of empirical evidence supporting conclusions.
10. A literature review should not merely summarize studies but synthesize them by identifying connections and contradictions