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SECTION 1

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SECTION 2

Instructions to Authors

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Authorship of the paper submitted should be clearly indicated based on each author's contribution to the paper. A covering letter must be attached to the paper confirming the following:

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Experimental/Methods - Sufficient detail should be given so that other research workers could repeat the work and obtain similar results.

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Unit – S I units should be used

References: Citations must use Vancouver Style.

Acknowledgments.

SECTION 3

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- Research papers - 4500 words
- Project Reports & other short communications - 800 words
- Book Reviews- 450 words
- Editorial -1000 words
- Reviews - 3000 words

Preparation of Documents for Publishing

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- All margins at 1.5"
- Must clearly indicate which section of JJST the submission is made

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