I) General writing points:

- Make attention on how to communicate effectively.
  - Present your material logically.
  - Organize the article into sections and subsections properly to help its readability.
- Provide accurate information.
  - Be clear and concise.
  - Be consistent with notations and format.
- Get to the point.
  - Keep reader’s attention on the main problem.
- Clearly highlight your contributions.
  - Convey ideas and results in the least possible time and space (illustrate them).
  - Draw the block diagram or flowchart of the algorithm and/or give the pseudocode.
- In the text:
  - Avoid writing short paragraphs.
  - Avoid writing lengthy sentences.
  - Cite and describe all illustrations and references in the text.
  - Spell the abbreviation in full when first used and include (parenthetically) the abbreviation (e.g., vector quantization (VQ)).
  - First time that the Persian translation of a professional word is used, state the English word in the footnote.
  - Avoid writing English or French words using Persian alphabets.
  - Avoid putting any space between a word and its subsequent punctuation.
  - Avoid starting a sentence with a digit or a formula (no full stop before formulas).
  - Define all parameters used in the formula.
  - In illustration captions, cite the main source if it comes from other publications.
  - Use (a), (b), … for subfigures.

II) Structural points:

A technical report (paper, thesis) usually consists of the following components:

1. **Title** – should be concise and to the point, contain main keywords with less than 10 words or 3 lines. Usually in uppercase and boldface.

2. **Abstract** – summary of the paper (usually not more than 250 words) including a brief description of the problem, its importance, assumptions, limitations, related existing work, their shortcomings, main proposed solution, used dataset, and method’s superiority. No citation and equation. Almost no abbreviations. All in one paragraph (if possible).

3. **Keywords** – selected for computerized search. Contains about 4-6 words (in the order of importance).
4. **Introduction** – contains the problem definition, its scientific importance, assumptions, limitations, historical background, and relevance to other areas. Properly describe and reference the related work. Give your description about other algorithms. Briefly describe the proposed solution and how it is different from and superior to existing solutions. Last paragraph is a summary of the report’s structure.

5. **Proposed Algorithm** – describes the proposed solution. Start with the block diagram (flowchart) of the method. Highlight your contributions. State the model assumptions clearly. Use figures and tables to illustrate the solution.

6. **Experimental Results** – state resource/dataset characteristics (size, resolution, frame rate, etc.), used computer, and language. Chosen parameter symbols should make sense. Provide a fair and complete performance analysis. Compare the quality and computational complexity of mentioned methods. Use figures, tables, and charts. Interpret the results and changes in them. For stochastic results, report both the average value (over multiple experiments) and the confidence interval (or standard deviation).

7. **Figures** – place them immediately after where they are referred to, at the top of the next page, or at the end of the paper. Some space should be left above and below each figure. Should be readable without relying on the accompanying description in the text. All symbols should be explained in the legend. Caption appears in below and ends with a point. Previously published material must be accompanied by written permission from the author and publisher. Figures should be numbered sequentially in Arabic numerals. Figure numbers should not appear inside parenthesis (e.g., Figure 1).

8. **Tables** – just like the points mentioned for figures. Captions are to be centralized above them. All used symbols and units should be described.

9. **Equations** – number consequently in each section, with the number set flush right and enclosed in parentheses (e.g., Eq. (1)). Explain the used parameters.

10. **Conclusion** – summarizes what you have done and the difficulties. Conclude based on your achieved results. Include the future research direction. Preferably, all in one paragraph.

11. **Acknowledgement** – comes before the appendix, if any. Should be unnumbered. Funding information may also be included. For the thesis, it appears before the abstract. Start by mentioning the supervisor, the lab members and colleagues and last the family members.

12. **Appendix** – contains materials deemed inessential to understanding but included for completeness, and detailed mathematical proofs. Comes before the References. Numerate alphabetically (A.1).

13. **References** – use more readily available papers. Information should be complete. Follow the determined standard bibliography format precisely. All should have been cited in the text. Should be unnumbered. Include both basic (even old) and recent work.

14. Additionally, have a table of acronyms, symbols, abbreviations, and publications.

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