**APA Style**

The following guidelines are written according to the *Publication Manual of the* *American Psychological Association (7th edition).*

**APA Referencing-in-text citations-**

In writing, the writer needs to inform his readers about the source of the words or ideas stated in the text. APA uses the author-date format i.e. a citation should be included inside the text containing the author’s name, the year of publication and the page number. If the citation is used as part of the text, it is called ***narrative citation***, and if it is put between parentheses after the sentence, it is called ***parenthetical citation.*** In direct quotations, page numbers are included. For sources with no date, use the abbreviation n.d (no date), for example, Thomas (n.d) maintains that….

Sample in-text citations in APA style:

* **One author**

Williams (2020) claims that ……

It is claimed that …………. (Williams, 2020).

* **Two authors**

Williams and Smith (2022) state that………

It is reported that ………. (Williams & Smith, 2022).

* **Three authors or more:** write the first author followed by the abbreviation et al.

James et al. (2018) clarify ….

(James et al., 2018)

* **Group (Organization) author**

According to the American Psychological Association (2020), …….

(American Psychological Association, 2020)

* **Unknown author**

If the author of the source is not known, the first word or two of the title are used in place of author’s name.

In “Children’s s Minds” (2000), the writer……

(“Children’s s Minds”, 2000)