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Solicited submissions will be requested by the editor or by a member of the editorial board. **Book Reviews** will be requested of individuals expert in the subject matter of the book to be reviewed. The approximate length will be 750 words, and the text will include a brief description of the subject matter addressed by the volume, its outstanding strong points, and any obvious weaknesses. **Research Reviews** will be requested to serve as extensive surveys of the literature of an area of science in which Academy members have an interest. In general, reviews will comprise five to ten printed pages. Organization and format of solicited material will be determined by the author(s) and the editorial staff.

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Page 1 - Title, Author(s), Affiliation(s), Abstract

Page 2 and the remainder - Body of the Paper in the order; Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgements, Literature Cited, Tables, Figure Legends, Figures.

STYLE. The general style of papers previously published by *THE OJS* should be employed, and can be determined by reading recent issues of *THE JOURNAL*. Manuscripts should be typewritten with wide margins on 21.6 x 27.9 cm (8.5 x 11 in) paper, and be double-spaced throughout including the title and abstract. The only words to be underlined are scientific names. Spell out numbers one through nine and use Arabic numerals above nine. Extensive quotations in the text should be typed slightly indented from the other text. Acceptable symbols and abbreviations for units of measurement should be used as given in the *CBE Style Manual*, 5th ed. (Council of Biology Editors, Inc., 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814). This volume is used for editorial decisions with regard to style. Primary text reference should use the International System of Units in all cases, with parenthetical reference to English units at the discretion of the author.

The following guidelines should be adhered to in the organization of the manuscript.

TITLE, AUTHOR(S), AFFILIATION(S). The first page of the manuscript should contain the title, author(s) name(s), the affiliation of the author(s) at the time the research was carried out, a shortened title (running head), and the abstract. The title must be typed in upper and lower case letters as it will appear when typeset. Name(s) of the author(s) should be typed in capital letters below the title. The address (department, institution, city, state, postal code, country if not USA) where the research was done should be typed below the name of the author. If more than one institution is to be credited, they should appear in the order of the authors' affiliation. If typed by word processor, copy **should not be justified**. Please use Elite (12 characters per inch) type. A running head of no more than 38 letters and spaces should be typed in capital letters between the address and the abstract.

ABSTRACT. The abstract should be a meaningful summary of the significant findings reported in the Brief Note or Research Report. It should be self-sufficient for the presentation of main conclusions and any new methods or procedures critical to the results of the study. The abstract should be brief (250 words or less) but should be written in complete sentences for purposes of comprehension and clarity. Phrases such as "is presented," "is explained," or "is discussed" should not be used. Abstracts from *THE JOURNAL* appear in major international abstracting publications, and may be the only contact that other scientists have with your work.

MATERIALS AND METHODS. This section should contain sufficient detail to allow the reader to attempt replication of the reported research. If reference is made by literature citation only to research methods devised by others, any unique modifications of the standard procedure should be explained. Any statistical methods used in the analysis of data should be described and documented.

RESULTS. The text of the results should be a descriptive narrative of the main findings, both positive and negative if the latter occurred, of the reported study. This section should not be simply a listing of the tabulated data in text form. Reference to tables and figures included in this section should be made parenthetically in the text.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. Colleagues and/or sources of financial support to whom thanks are due for assistance rendered in completion of the research or preparation of the manuscript should be recognized in this section rather than in the body of the text.

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Journals: Ackerman, B. 1985 Temporal march of the Chicago heat island. *J. Clim. Appl. Meteorol.* 24: 547-554.

Books: Schmidt, G. D. and L. S. Roberts 1977 Foundations of Parasitology. C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis, MO.

Chapters: Dancis, J. and H. Schneider 1975 Physiology: Transfer and barrier function. *In:* P. Gruenwald (ed.), The Placenta and Its Maternal Supply Line. University Park Press, Baltimore, MD. p. 98-124.

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Attention to the above instructions will minimize the need for revision and editorial correction, and will shorten the time from submission to publication. Any questions which are not answered by these instructions, by examining papers in recent issues of *THE JOURNAL*, or by the *CBE Style Manual*, 5th ed., should be addressed to the editor.

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Statewide Competency Test for Science

THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE COMMENDS the State Board of Education for its leadership in proposing a statewide competency test for science. According to the Academy the test should be based on a central set of concepts, principles, processes and skills which demonstrate our current understanding of science. The conceptual framework for this test should be developed and agreed upon by Ohio's industrial, scientific and education communities represented by the Academy.

The Academy expects the test to break with tradition by emphasizing the processes of science and to utilize alternative methods of assessment such as demonstration of skills and a portfolio approach including essays rather than relying entirely on traditional multiple choice questions.

Demonstration of understanding and practice of these competencies as revealed by the testing program will help teachers prepare students for employment in a technology-based economy and to participate effectively in the development of public policy in a democracy increasingly dependent on public understanding of scientific and technical issues.

This position statement was developed by officers and members of the Academy and approved by the Academy's Executive Committee on September 6, 1991.