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### PART 1: Review Comments

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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <b>You have to pay attention mostly to the way how to write an abstract correctly. It should be less than 300 words, without any section, plus no-more-than-5 keywords.</b>  | Noted, the corrections have been effected accordingly   |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | <p><b>(1) Punctuation errors, as in:</b></p> <p>(a) "The child <b>as a result</b> achieves initial education and socialization from parents and other persons in the family.", <b>it should be</b> "The child, <b>as a result</b>, achieves initial education and socialization from parents and other persons in the family.";</p> <p>(b) "The family <b>according to [1]</b> is seen an environment which lays the psychological, moral, and spiritual foundation...", <b>it should be</b> "The family, <b>according to [1]</b>, is seen as an environment which lays the psychological, moral, and spiritual foundation...";</p> <p>(c) "Psychological home condition <b>according to [2]</b> arises mainly from illegitimacy of children,...", <b>it should be</b> "Psychological home condition, <b>according to [2]</b>, arises mainly from illegitimacy of children,...";</p> <p>(d) "This <b>by extension</b> greatly affects the upbringing of the product of such marriages (children).", <b>it should be</b> "This, <b>by extension</b>, greatly affects the upbringing of the product of such marriages (children).";</p> <p>(e) "Statistics have shown that broken families may have profound negative impact on student's academic achievement in subjects in secondary <b>schools as, parents</b> play an important role in most children's academic development.", <b>it should be</b> "Statistics have shown that broken families may have profound negative impact on student's academic achievement in subjects in secondary <b>schools as parents</b> play an important role in most children's academic development.";</p> <p>(f) "This <b>according to [5]</b> shows that children from broken homes often perform poorly in school and...", <b>it should be</b> "This, <b>according to [5]</b>, shows that children from broken homes often perform poorly in school and...";</p> <p>(g) "Secondary school students' <b>according to Falipe in [1]</b> takes into cognizance both quality and quantity of the internal and external academic achievement achieved.", <b>it should be</b> "Secondary school students', <b>according to Falipe in [1]</b>, takes into cognizance both quality and quantity of the internal and external academic achievement achieved.";</p> <p>(h) "..., these include students' home <b>background this is</b> according to studies of [7] and [8].", <b>it should be</b> "..., these include students' home <b>background, this is</b> according to studies of [7] and [8].";</p> <p>(i) "<b>Hence this</b>, backdrop and gap in literature on the academic achievement of secondary school students has revealed a rising concern on the issue of academic achievement.", <b>it should be</b> "<b>Hence, this</b>, backdrop and gap in literature on the academic achievement of secondary school students has revealed a rising concern on the issue of academic achievement."</p> <p><b>(2) Vocabulary errors, as in:</b></p> <p>(a) "The family according to [1] <b>is seen an environment</b> which lays the psychological, moral, and spiritual foundation...", <b>it would be better, if</b> "The family according to [1] <b>is seen as an environment</b> which lays the psychological, moral, and spiritual foundation...";</p> <p>(b) "Broken homes or families in the context of this study <b>is one which is</b> not structurally intact,...", <b>it would be better, if</b> "Broken homes or families in the context of this study <b>is the one which is</b> not structurally intact,...";</p> <p>(c) "..., this <b>could be as a result of</b> divorce, separation, and death of one of the parents.", <b>it would be better, if</b> "..., this <b>could be a result of</b> divorce, separation, and death of one of the parents.";</p> <p>(d) "... and could <b>in no doubt</b> enhance or hinder the academic achievement of the child...", <b>it would be better, if</b> "... and could surely enhance or</p> | Corrections have been effected accordingly in the manuscript  |

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|  | <p>hinder the academic achievement of the child...”;</p> <p>(e) <b>“In the opinion of [4],</b> broken-home is the breaking of family unit.”, <b>it would be better, if “An opinion argued by [4],</b> broken-home is the breaking of family unit.”;</p> <p>(f) “This by extension greatly affects the upbringing of <b>the product of such marriages (children).</b>”, <b>it would be better, if “This by extension greatly affects the upbringing of <b>their descendants.</b>”;</b></p> <p>(g) “Children <b>from broken homes</b> lack parental care and are <b>often times</b> maltreated by the guardian in whose care there are left with.”, <b>it would be better, if “Children <b>coming from broken homes</b> lack parental care and are <b>often</b> maltreated by the guardian in whose care there are left with.” or “Children <b>coming from broken homes</b> lack parental care and are <b>frequently</b> maltreated by the guardian in whose care there are left with.”;</b></p> <p>(h) “Most married <b>persons</b> move out of their matrimonial homes due to one reason or the other.”, <b>it should be “Most married <b>couples</b> move out of their matrimonial homes due to one reason or the other.” or “Most married <b>people</b> move out of their matrimonial homes due to one reason or the other.”;</b></p> <p>(i) “Hence, broken homes have devastating influence on development, social adjustment and academic achievement of students <b>from such homes [4].</b>”, <b>it would be better, if “Hence, broken homes have devastating influence on development, social adjustment and academic achievement of students [4].”;</b></p> <p>(j) “Students from such homes, <b>often times usually have</b> emotional problems and behaviour adjustment and...”, <b>it would be better, if “Students from such homes, <b>usually have</b> emotional problems and behaviour adjustment and...”;</b></p> <p>(k) “These statistics further reported that the problems of broken home are universal <b>phenomenal</b> which affect both developed as well as <b>the under develop</b> country.”, <b>it should be “These statistics further reported that the problems of broken home are universal <b>phenomenon</b> which affect both developed as well as <b>developing</b> country.” (phenomenal is an adjective, however, phenomenon is singular noun and phenomena is plural noun);</b></p> <p>(l) <b>“The home</b> influences the child at the most-earliest possible time of their,...”, <b>it would be better, if “Home</b> influences the child at the most-earliest possible time of their,...”;</p> <p>(m) <b>“Academic achievement is the school evaluation of the classroom work on the basis of the grades awarded.”, it would be better, if “Academic achievement is based on the evaluation of student’s works in classroom carried out by school.”;</b></p> <p>(n) <b>“The home</b> is vital to the <b>child’s growth</b> and possibly their future.”, <b>it would be better, if “Home</b> is vital to the <b>children’s growth</b> and possibly their future.”;</p> <p>(o) “This goes to show that the relationship within the family is likely to influence a child's mental health and...”, <b>it would be better, if “This goes to show that <b>the relationship among family members</b> is likely to influence a child's mental health and...”;</b></p> <p>(p) “This is so as most spouse abandon their homes <b>due to neglect</b> and other reasons listed earlier,...”, <b>it should be “This is so as most spouse abandon their homes <b>due to neglecting</b> and other reasons listed earlier,...”;</b></p> <p>(q) “... , which <b>often times</b> is influenced their parents.”, <b>it would be better, if “... , which <b>often</b> is influenced their parents.”;</b></p> <p>(r) <b>“To achieve this,</b> a questionnaire on broken homes was administered to secondary schools’ students through this,...”, <b>it would be better, if “In order to achieve this,</b> a questionnaire on broken homes was administered to secondary schools’ students through this,...”;</p> <p>(s) <b>“The crux</b> of this study is to determine students perceived influence...”, <b>it would be better, if “The important point</b> of this study is to determine students perceived influence”.</p> <p><b>(3) Grammatical errors, as in:</b></p> <p>(a) “According to [3], <b>the family being</b> a powerful influence on the child,...”, <b>it should be “According to [3], <b>the family is being</b> a powerful influence on the child,...”;</b></p> <p>(b) “The home influences the child at the most-earliest possible time of <b>their</b>,...”, <b>it should be “The home influences the child at the most-earliest possible time of <b>theirs</b>,...”;</b></p> | Corrections have been made accordingly |
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|  | <p>(c) “<b>Secondary school students</b>’ according to Falipe in [1] <b>takes into cognizance</b> both quality and quantity of the internal and external academic achievement achieved.”, <b>it should be</b> “<b>Secondary school students</b> according to Falipe in [1] <b>take into cognizance of</b> both quality and quantity of the internal and external academic achievement achieved.”;</p> <p>(d) “Therefore, <b>the better the home</b> the more likely the child will grow with positive attitudes.”, <b>it should be</b> “Therefore, <b>the better the home is</b>, the more likely the child will grow with positive attitudes.”;</p> <p>(e) “Couples who are happy in their homes are more likely <b>to have their children perform</b> better in schools.”, <b>it should be</b> “Couples who are happy in their homes are more likely <b>to have their children performing</b> better in schools.”;</p> <p>(f) “This <b>goes to show that</b> the relationship within the family is likely to influence a child's mental health and...”, <b>it should be</b> “<b>This shows the relationship</b> within the family is likely to influence a child's mental health and...”;</p> <p>(g) “Generally, in Anambra state, <b>the ideal situation and adverse effect of broken homes is</b> quite clear.”, <b>it should be</b> “Generally, in Anambra state, <b>the ideal situation and adverse effect of broken homes are</b> quite clear.”;</p> <p>(h) “This is so as <b>most spouse abandon</b> their homes due to neglect and other reasons listed earlier,...”, <b>it should be</b> “This is so as <b>most spouses abandon</b> their homes due to neglect and other reasons listed earlier,...” or “This is so as <b>most spouse abandons</b> their homes due to neglect and other reasons listed earlier,...”;</p> <p>(i) “... which often times <b>is influenced their parents.</b>”, <b>it should be</b> “... which often times <b>is influenced by their parents.</b>”;</p> <p>(j) “Nevertheless, <b>the influence</b> of broken homes on secondary school students <b>have</b> not been empirically established,...”, <b>it should be</b> “Nevertheless, <b>the influence</b> of broken homes on secondary school students <b>has</b> not been empirically established,...”;</p> <p>(k) “The instrument for data collection is <b>a 21 – item structured questionnaire titled</b> “Influence of Broken Homes on Academic Achievement Questionnaire (IBAAQ)”.”, <b>it should be</b> “The instrument for data collection is <b>a 21 – item structured questionnaire, entitled</b> “Influence of Broken Homes on Academic Achievement Questionnaire (IBAAQ)”.”;</p> <p>(l) “Section A contains items on <b>the respondents’ demographic data</b> <b>section B</b> contains 21-itens statements on the influence of broken homes on academic achievement of secondary school students.”, <b>it should be</b> “Section A contains items on <b>the respondents’ demographic data, while section B</b> contains 21-itens statements on the influence of broken homes on academic achievement of secondary school students.”;</p> <p>(m) “Result <b>relating to</b> research question 1 presented in table 1 reveals the mean and...”, <b>it should be</b> “Result <b>related to</b> research question 1 presented in table 1 reveals the mean and...”;</p> <p>(n) “Based on the rating, <b>equal number</b> of the items on students’ perceived influence of broken homes on their academic achievement in English language in secondary schools <b>were rated</b> as agreed to as well as disagreed.”, <b>it should be</b> “Based on the rating, <b>equal number</b> of the items on students’ perceived influence of broken homes on their academic achievement in English language in secondary schools <b>was rated</b> as agreed to as well as disagreed.”;</p> <p>(o) “Data <b>relating to</b> hypothesis 1 presented in table 2 <b>shows</b> the t-test for independent sample summary on the mean rating of male and female students...”, <b>it should be</b> “Data <b>related to</b> hypothesis 1 presented in table 2 <b>show</b> the t-test for independent sample summary on the mean rating of male and female students...”;</p> <p>(p) “<b>This goes to implies</b> that there is a significant difference in the mean rating of male and female students...”, <b>it should be</b> “<b>This implies</b> that there is a significant difference in the mean rating of male and female students...”;</p> <p>(q) “Furthermore, the findings <b>relating to</b> the hypotheses conform to the finding of [11] significant difference between single-parenting and academic performance of the adolescents,...”, <b>it should be</b> “Furthermore, the findings <b>related to</b> the hypotheses conform to the finding of [11] significant difference between single-parenting and academic performance of the adolescents,...”;</p> <p>(r) “Result <b>relating to</b> research question 2 presented in table 3 reports the mean and standard deviation scores on students perceived influence...”, <b>it should be</b> “Result <b>related to</b> research question 2 presented in table 3 reports the mean and standard deviation scores on students perceived</p> | Corrections have been effected accordingly |
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|                                  | <p>influence...”;</p> <p>(s) “Data <b>relating to</b> hypothesis 2 presented in table 4 <b>shows</b> the t-test for independent sample summary on the of mean rating of students...”, <b>it should be</b> “Data <b>related to</b> hypothesis 2 presented in table 4 <b>show</b> the t-test for independent sample summary on the of mean rating of students...”;</p> <p>(t) “<b>Equal number</b> of items raised on students’ perceived influence of broken homes on their academic achievement in English language in secondary schools <b>were rated</b> as agreed to as well as disagreed.”, <b>it should be</b> “<b>Equal number</b> of items raised on students’ perceived influence of broken homes on their academic achievement in English language in secondary schools <b>was rated</b> as agreed to as well as disagreed.”.</p> |   |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | <p>(1) <b>You have to pay more attention to which kind of English you are going to use (American English or British English). It can surely be a benefit for your future in writing a research article.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>You have to improve your vocabulary.</b></p>   | This has been determined and applied as accordingly |

## PART 2:

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