F. A. Q. (Frequently Ask Questions)

01. Who is the publisher of SMART Journal of Business Management Studies?

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02. What are the aims of the SMART Journal?

The SMART Journal aims to improve communication between communities and practitioners of Corporate Bodies, Financial Institutions, Banks, Teachers, Research Scholars etc., who are responsible for operational and policy decisions. It aims to promote the quality of management teaching by encouraging research habit among teachers. Besides, SMART group aims to honor eminent authors of research articles, recognize outstanding academicians and educational administrators all over the world.

03. What are the policies of the Journal?

The Journal plans to stimulate and develop debate on functional areas of Business Management. The policy of the Journal is to publish Research Papers, Articles, Reviews, and Case Studies etc., which provide an objective analysis of scientific concepts, empirical research, factual data and operational facts of Business Management. The policy of the journal is torecognize outstanding contributors by honoring with annual awards.

04. What is the scope of the Journal?

The SMART Journal covers articles on all functional areas of contemporary relevance like Business Education, Global Business, Operations Research / Statistics, Corporate Finance, Financial Institutional Markets, Banking, Marketing, Human Resource Management, International Finance, Information Technology, Educational Management etc. Authors are encouraged to submit original research papers which are not submitted for publication elsewhere.

05. What is the frequency of the Journal?

It is a bi-annual journal published in January and July every year.

06. Whether SMART Journal is registered and has ISSN Number?

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07. In which index bodies, does the SMART journal was indexed?

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08. What are the types of Subscription?

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09. Who are the target audience for SMART Journal?

The target audience for SMART Journal are the Bankers, Industrialists, Professionals, Teachers, Researchers, Students and Practitioners in Business Management Science.

10. Who are the editorial board members?

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11. What is the profile of the authors?

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12. How to submit an Article?

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- **B.** First level verification of format at Editorial office level.
- **C.** The Chief Editor sends the manuscript to the subject experts for evaluation (All manuscripts submitted will be subjected to PEER BLIND REVIEW and the decision of the Editorial Committee will be final).
- **D.** Intimation of comments and suggestions by experts, to the author(s) requesting for revision of manuscript.
- **E.** Receipt of improved version of manuscript from author.
- **F.** Issue of acceptance letter.

- **G.** Receipt of undertaking letter and Plagiarism report by checking the manuscripts by using the Plagiarism Software, from author(s), signed by all authors with official seal.
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C) Ensure that your undertaking letter reached the Chief Editor, after submission.

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