

## A. WRITING LABORATORY REPORT

When writing Laboratory report, students group works should organize the material using a scientific method. Although the following format is suggested, other formats may be used.

### 1. Choosing a Title

Students should provide a clean concise title for their laboratory report or investigation

### 2. Stating the Purpose

Students should state the problem and describe the purpose of the investigation

### 3. Gathering known Information

Students should make use of library reference book, filmstrip and other available materials

### 4. Stating a Hypothesis

Students should be sure their hypothesis is based on the known information

### 5. Listing the Materials

Students should list all materials used, including specific amounts and concentration of chemicals and solutions

### 6. Explaining the Procedure

Students should explain how the work was done, how the data was gathered, how the experiment was designed, and describe the control that was used. A step by step method is usually the most logical and effective

### 7. Recording the Observation

Students should present all observations made during the investigation. They should use charts, tables, graphs or diagrams to organize data and present a clear picture of the information

### 8. Stating the Conclusion

Based on the observations, students should present a conclusion or conclusions. The conclusions should relate to the purpose and either support or not support hypothesis.

## **B. SAFETY IN THE BIOLOGY LABORATORY**

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Know the location of first aid kits, eye washes, fire blanket, and fire extinguishers
2. Do not perform unauthorized experiments or investigation without proper adult supervision
3. Keep your laboratory work area clean and free of unnecessary papers, books, and equipment
4. Always read through the experiments or investigation before beginning. Note any hazards and cautions
5. Wear laboratory aprons or coats to protect you and your clothing. Use safety goggles while performing, observing, or supervising activities that involve potential hazards to the eye
6. Do not taste any substances used in an investigation or experiments. Never eat from, drink from, or cook food in laboratory equipment
7. Check that all hot plates, gas outlets, Bunsen or alcohol burners, and water faucets are turned off at the end of the laboratory period
8. Immediately report all accidents to the lecturer
9. Handle toxic and flammable substances with extreme care and in a well-ventilated room

### **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

1. Do not use direct sunlight for microscope observations because the sunlight will damage your eyes
2. Do not use a scalpel, razor blade, or other cutting instrument that has more than one cutting edge
3. Always add acid to water. Never pour water into acid
4. Return all bacterial cultures to your lecturer for proper disposal. Thoroughly clean all glassware that comes in contact with these cultures with a strong disinfectant. Wash any equipment thoroughly as well. Follow the lecturer's instructions
5. Mount specimens properly in dissecting pans. Do not hold a specimen in your hand while dissecting it
6. Use a suction bulb pipette to transfer chemicals. Do not use mouth suction
7. Never position the mouth of a test tube toward yourself or another person while heating a substance in it
8. Properly dispose of broken glassware