

Journal of Himalaya College of Engineering

Guidelines for Reviewers

This document aims to provide necessary guidelines for reviewers to review manuscripts submitted to the Journal of Himalaya College of Engineering (JHCOE) for publication. The JHCOE is an official journal of Himalaya College of Engineering (HCOE) indexed with Nepal Journal Online (NepJOL).

1. Ethical Responsibilities:

1. Reviewers should review manuscripts thoroughly.
2. Reviewers should have thorough knowledge & latest status of the subject matters.
3. Reviewers should evaluate manuscripts objectively, without biasness and prejudice.
4. Reviewers must keep the manuscripts and review process confidential.
5. Reviewers should be respectful to authors in their comments.
6. Reviewers must not directly communicate with authors in any case.
7. Reviewers should communicate review results to the journal editors.
8. Reviewers should disclose potential conflicts of interest (if any).
9. Reviewers should complete manuscript review tasks within the assigned time frame.
10. Reviewers are required to follow the manuscript assessment criteria provided below in **Table 1**.
11. A minimum total score of 60 (sixty) is required based on the manuscript assessment criteria provided below in **Table 1** for a manuscript to be acceptable to publish in JHCOE.

2. Manuscript Title:

Textless Speech-to-Speech Translation from Nepali to English Using Discrete Units: A Deep Learning Approach

3. Manuscript Assessment Criteria & Scores:

Table 1. Assessment criteria for manuscripts submitted to JHCOE

S. N.	Assessment Criteria	Maximum Score	Obtained Score
1	Alignment of manuscript structure with author's guidelines	20	
2	Conciseness & clarity of manuscript title	5	
3	Originality and novelty of research	5	
4	Clarity on problem statement & rationale	5	

5	Relevancy and sufficiency of literature review	15	
6	Validity & soundness of adopted research methodology	5	
7	Clarity in result presentation & their discussions	15	
8	Alignment of conclusions with research outcomes	5	
9	Sequential flow & clarity in overall content presentation	5	
10	Citation of listed references in manuscript body texts	5	
11	Alignment of reference list with author's guidelines	5	
12	Plagiarism & use of AI in manuscript preparation	10	
Total score		100	

4. Overall Impression & Conclusion:

5. Recommendation:

S.N.	Action	Status
1	Accept in the present form	
2	Accept after "Minor Revision"	
3	Accept after "Major Revision"	
4	Not acceptable for publication	

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