A. Abstract

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B. Main Text

1. General

Do not use automatic hyphenation, and in all cases avoid manual hyphenation at ends of lines. When referring to centuries, avoid superior script (19th century), but use instead one of the following options: 19th century, nineteenth century. There are no spaces between initials: D.H. Lawrence.

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Footnotes should be used to comment on or give additional information to the main text. They must not function as references for the source texts. If the additional information or comment given in the footnote itself requires a reference, please use the parenthetical system (see D). Footnotes are numbered consecutively throughout the entire article. The ‘superior’ or ‘superior script’ footnote numbers within the text are typed after all punctuation marks – except the dash. Punctuation of a footnote is as for a normal sentence, that is, begins with a capital letter and ends in a full stop etc.

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