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1. INTRODUCTION

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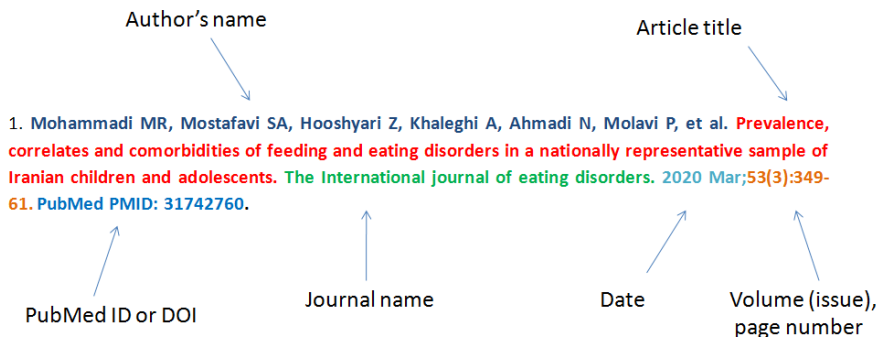
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❖ Book (one author)

2. Nowotny J. *Oxide semiconductors for solar energy conversion: titanium dioxide*. London: CRC Press; 2011.

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3. Peleg Y, Pnini R, Zaarur E, Hecht E. *Quantum mechanics*. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2010.

❖ Chapter in an edited book

4. Radu O. A review of the literature in undergraduate mathematics assessment. In: Iannone P, Simpson A, editors. *Mapping university mathematics assessment practices*. Norwich: University of East Anglia; 2012. p. 17-23.

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5. Smith A. Development of a simulated Internet for education. In: Hawkrigde D, Ng K, Verjans S, editors. *18th International Conference of the Association for Learning Technology: Thriving in a Colder Climate and More Challenging Climate*; 2011 Sep 6-8; University of Leeds, Leeds. Oxford: ALT-C; 2011. p.100-111.

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6. Amos J. Eavesdropping on the squid world [Internet]; 2012 Feb 12 [cited 2012 Feb 27]. Available from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-17117194>

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7. Department of Health. Characteristics of disabled people in employment: April to June 2017. Available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/characteristics-of-disabled-people-in-employment-april-to-june-2017> [Accessed 10th November 2018].

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