Manual QA Checklist for Elementor (Frontend + Backend)

🧠 1. Plugin & Setup (Dashboard)

- Elementor (and Pro, if used) is installed and activated without issues
- Elementor appears in the WordPress admin sidebar
- Post types enabled for Elementor editing (Pages, Posts, etc.)
- Elementor's system requirements are met (PHP version, memory limit, etc.)
- No plugin/theme conflicts causing errors in the editor

🔀 2. Elementor Settings (Dashboard)

- General: Correct post types enabled, default colors/fonts disabled if needed
- Style: Global fonts/colors configured and applied across site
- Advanced: Switch Editor Loader method works (for conflict resolution)
- Maintenance Mode: Works and can assign a Coming Soon/Maintenance template
- Import/Export Kit: Full site export/import functions correctly
- Elementor Tools: Regenerate CSS & Sync Library function properly

🧱 3. Templates & Theme Builder (Dashboard)

- Can create/edit/delete templates (Headers, Footers, Popups, etc.)
- Display conditions work for templates (e.g., show header on homepage only)
- Theme builder parts (archive, single, 404) render dynamic content correctly

- Templates can be saved, exported (JSON), and reused
- Revisions and autosave work inside templates

4. User Roles & Access (Dashboard)

- Editors and Contributors can access Elementor as configured
- Restricted roles cannot edit templates or global styles
- Roles follow WordPress capabilities (e.g., cannot delete others' content)

5. Global Design & Layout (Frontend)

- Matches design (Figma/XD/Sketch) pixel by pixel
- Global styles (fonts, buttons, headings) apply across pages
- Consistent spacing, padding, and alignment
- No broken sections or overlapping elements

6. Responsive Testing (Frontend)

- Mobile, tablet, and desktop views display correctly
- Elements (columns, images, text) reflow properly
- Breakpoints match custom settings (if configured)
- Mobile navigation menu opens and closes properly
- Sliders, carousels, and tabs function on touch devices

🔅 7. Element Functionality (Frontend)

- All buttons and links redirect correctly
- Contact forms validate and send submissions
- Tabs, toggles, accordions expand/collapse correctly
- Popups appear and close based on correct triggers
- Dynamic content (titles, featured images, ACF fields) display accurately

📤 8. Forms & Integrations (Frontend)

- Elementor Forms: required field validation works
- Form submissions deliver to admin/email or integrations
- reCAPTCHA or honeypot prevents spam
- Email autoresponders or CRM (Mailchimp, etc.) integrate correctly

9. WooCommerce Widgets (If Used)

- Product archive and single templates display correctly
- Add to cart, price, SKU, and reviews widgets function
- Cart and checkout pages work with Elementor templates
- Custom product fields (ACF, JetWooBuilder) display as expected

10. Performance & Errors

- Elementor pages load < 3 seconds
- No 404s, broken links, or missing assets
- No JS or console errors on frontend/backend

- Regenerate CSS fixes styling issues
- No heavy DOM nesting or unnecessary widgets increasing load

3 11. Accessibility & SEO

- Headings follow correct hierarchy (H1 → H2 → H3...)
- Image widgets use proper alt tags
- ARIA labels used for interactive elements where needed
- Links open in new tabs only when necessary (rel="noopener")
- Meta tags and SEO plugins work with Elementor templates

12. Email Notifications & Admin Alerts

- Contact/form submission emails are received by admins
- New user registration/admin notices (if triggered via Elementor) work
- Elementor sends alerts for update rollbacks, failed loads, etc.