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**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

Replication of a human evaluation study in NLP

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I am/we are an undergraduate student in the Computing Science department. I/we would like to invite you to consider participating in the research project “Replication of a human evaluation study in NLP”. Below is some information about the project, to help you decide whether you would like to take part.

**Participation in the research project is completely voluntary. You can withdraw from the project at any time, without having to give a reason.**

AIMS

The aim of the project is to replicate a human evaluation study in NLP. The goal is to do the exact same experiment and see whether or not it produces the same or similar results. The research output will be part of my dissertation. [Give a brief description of what you want to achieve: what kind of information you want to gather, what hypothesis you want to test, etc. Don’t be too technical. Say what you expect the outcome of the research and the research outputs to be (e.g., a follow-up study, a dissertation, publications, etc.). If your project forms part of a larger programme of research, explain this.]

WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DO

You will be asked to evaluate sentences that have been generated by natural language generation models based on fluency, grammaticality and clarity. The study will take place online and will be available for no more than 2 weeks and should take each participant 15-20 minutes. You will be using your own computers to complete the study.

[Describe what you want the participants to do. Give a start and an end date, and say how much time it will take. Say where these activities will take place (e.g. in your laboratory; at a place of the participant’s choosing).]

RISKS

Every participant is free to withdraw at any point if they feel like the survey is taking too much of their time or if they have any other issues. There will not be any questions that might cause distress in any way and the experiment should be easy enough for everyone to complete effortlessly.

[Explain what the risks (if any) are to participants from taking part in the research. If you intend to ask questions that may cause distress, you would warn participants in advance and give them some indication of the nature of these questions. Explain how you will mitigate these risks. If appropriate, remind participants of their right to withdraw or stop participation; e.g. they can refuse to answer a particular question or ask for an interview to be terminated.]

DATA MANAGEMENT AND STORAGE

Data will be stored and managed in line with all relevant University policies including the Data Protection Policy, Information Security Policy, and Research Data Management Policy and Guidance.

The data will not consist of any personal information and will be stored on my personal computer for as long as I am using it for generating my experiment report and will be deleted as soon as I complete my Honours Project. [Say how and where you will store data, and for how long e.g. “The data you provide will be deleted after XX years”. The period selected must be either guided by any funder requirements, or in line with pages 7 – 9 of the [University of Aberdeen Records Retention Schedule: (abdn.ac.uk)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/documents/policy-zone-information-policies/2014_Reviewed_DO-NOT-DESTROY-MASTER_AU-Retention-Schedule.pdf). Say that appropriately anonymised data may be stored on a University repository. Be aware that prior to sharing data (personal or otherwise) with a third-party supplier (e.g. a transcription service), the University is required to assess whether the supplier offers suitable safeguards for handling the data. If you plan to share University data with a third party, either directly or via the University network (e.g. data stored in any University system), you must consider whether a Supplier Cyber and Data Assessment (SCDA) is required. (NB: SCDAs are not only required for personal data, but for all University of Aberdeen data being shared with a third party, with the exception of other UK HEIs). More guidance can be found at [Toolkit | The University of Aberdeen (abdn.ac.uk)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/toolkit/).]

CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY

The University’s Privacy Notice for Research Participants is available [here](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/privacy/research-participants-938.php)

Raw data and the identity of participants will not be released to anyone outside the research team. The data you provide will be analysed and may be used in publications, dissertations, reports or presentations derived from the research project, but this will be done in such a way that your identity is not disclosed. During this experiment I will not be storing personal data that could be used to identify the subjects in any way.

CONSENT

If you agree to take part in the research, you will be asked to indicate your consent by signing a Consent Form

SPONSORS

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Thank you for considering taking part in this research.

If you have any questions about this research please contact:

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**[For UG/PGT research projects only]** For any queries regarding ethical concerns you may contact the Course/Programme Coordinator at the University of Aberdeen:

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This research project was approved by the School of Natural and Computing Science on [Date].