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Font Size	10pt
Font Type	FS Brabo or Georgia (in MS Word) URW Palladio (in LaTeX template)
Spacing and Indent	Single, indent 1st line 0,5cm (0,20 inch)
Page Size*	Custom Width: 18cm (7,086 inch) Height: 26cm (10,236 inch)

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Margins	top 1,8cm (0,71 inch) bottom 1,4cm (0,55 inch) left & right 2,65cm (1,04 inch)

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