Preparing LaTeX manuscripts for ESA journals

Font size
A 12pt font size can be specified in the \documentclass statement in the document preamble:

\documentclass[12pt,english]{article}

Set margins and page size
Margins (1 inch or 2.54 cm) and paper size (letter) can be specified using the geometry statement in the preamble:

\geometry{verbose,letterpaper,tmargin=2.54cm,bmargin=2.54cm,lmargin=2.54cm,rmargin=2.54cm}

Specify double spacing
Default double spacing in LaTeX is roughly four lines per inch. To specify double spacing at three lines per inch (12 lines/10 cm), first include the setspace package in the preamble:

\usepackage{setspace}

Then, define the spacing within the manuscript text (between the \begin{document} and \end{document} statements):

\begin{document}
\begin{spacing}{1.9}
(...text...)
\end{spacing}
\end{document}

Add line numbering
Line numbering can be incorporated by using the lineno package. Add these statements in the preamble:

\usepackage{lineno}
\linenumbers

Left-justify the text
By default the text will be justified on both sides. Once the command \geometry{...} is added, another command is needed for the justification of the text to the left side:

\begin{flushleft}
(...text...)
\end{flushleft}

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