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**Psychology -- Scoring Guide for Final Paper**

**Formatting** (section subtotal of 4 points)

\_\_\_\_ 1.0" margins (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ double spacing (1 point)

Section headers (2 points):

\_\_\_\_ Abstract: Centered heading (**not** boldfaced): "Abstract"

\_\_\_\_ Intro: Title of paper centered at top of page (**not** boldfaced)

\_\_\_\_ Method: Centered, boldfaced heading: "**Method**" and subsections begin with left-justified, boldfaced headings (e.g. **Procedure**)

\_\_\_\_ Results: Centered, boldfaced heading: "**Results**"

\_\_\_\_ Discussion: Centered, boldfaced heading: "**Discussion**"

\_\_\_\_ References: Centered heading (**not** boldfaced): "References"

**Format Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/4

**Title Page** (section subtotal of 3 points)

\_\_\_\_ Title (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ Student Name and Affiliation (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ Running Head (1 point)

**Title Page Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/3

**Abstract** (section subtotal of 5 points)

\_\_\_\_ Purpose (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ Methods -- 1 or 2 sentences describing the experiment (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ Results -- 1 or 2 sentences describing the data (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ Significance of the Results -- What does it all mean? (1 points)

\_\_\_\_ Formatting: One paragraph, no indent, ≤ 120 words (1 point)

**Abstract Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/5

**Introduction** (section subtotal 23 points)

\_\_\_\_ Describe the goal of the project (2 points)

\_\_\_\_ Argument supporting the project, including description of previous studies and basic concepts (15 points)

Judged for quality of argument, timeliness, number, and coherence with current project

\_\_\_\_ Hypothesis stated correctly (6 points)

**Introduction Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/23

**Method** (section subtotal 15 points)

\_\_\_\_ Participants/Subjects: Describe the subject pool (5 points)

\_\_\_\_ Materials and Apparatus: What was used? (5 points)

\_\_\_\_ Procedure: Describe the experiment so it could be replicated (5 points)

**Method Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/15

**Results** (section subtotal 10 points)

\_\_\_\_ Describe the results of the experiment (5 points)

\_\_\_\_ Describe the methods of analysis used (5 points)

**Results Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/10

**Discussion** (section subtotal 15 points)

\_\_\_\_ Show whether the project supported or rejected the hypothesis, relating conclusion to data (5 points)

\_\_\_\_ Discuss successes and problems with the study, and suggestions for further investigation (10 points)

**Discussion Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/15

**References** (section subtotal 8 points)

\_\_\_\_ References provided appropriately for each article cited (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ No references for articles not cited (1 point)

\_\_\_\_ APA style for references in the Reference Section (3 points)

\_\_\_\_ APA style for references in the text (2 points)

\_\_\_\_ Formatting: Hanging indents for all entries (1 point)

**References Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/8

**Appendix** – if applicable (section subtotal 2 points)

**Appendix Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/2

**Total Points Available for Content and Format: 83 points**

**Content and Format Total** \_\_\_\_\_/85

**General writing (section subtotal 15 points):** Subtract points the following errors:

Disagreement in # of subjects/verbs/pronouns

Typos

Disagreements in tense

Awkward, run-on or unclear sentences

Sentence fragments

Colloquialisms or slang

Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too)

Incorrect use of punctuation marks

**General Writing Section Total** \_\_\_\_\_/15

Other errors in writing mechanics

Lacking a staple or stapled out of order

Page number in upper right corner on each page

Excellent = 15 Points

Good = 12 Points

Fair = 9 Points

Poor = 6

Extremely Poor = 0

**Paper Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_/100