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Research Design Scoring Guide

General Formatting (section subtotal of 3 points)

- _____ 1.0" margins (1 point)
- _____ double spacing throughout the paper (1 point)
- _____ Page header and page number in upper right corner on each page (1 point)

General Formatting total: _____

Title Page (section subtotal of 6 points)

- _____ Title: Correctly written and centered correctly vertically and horizontally (2 points)
- _____ Author's Name and Affiliation: Correctly written and centered correctly vertically and horizontally (2 points)
- _____ Running Head correctly written – in caps, left justified at top of page, ≤50 characters (2 points)

Title Page total: _____

Abstract (section subtotal of 8 points)

- _____ Purpose (2 points)
- _____ Methods – 1 or 2 sentences describing the experiment (2 points)
- _____ Expected Results – 1 or 2 sentences describing the kind of data you expect to obtain and how it will be analyzed (2 points)
- _____ Formatting:
 - _____ Centered heading: "Abstract" (1 point)
 - _____ Body of abstract in one paragraph, ≤120 words, no indent on the first line (1 point)

Abstract total: _____

Introduction (section subtotal 22 points)

- _____ Describe in detail the goal of the project – your thesis statement – judged for clarity and reasoning (5 points)
- _____ Describe previous studies and basic concepts (Judged for quality, timeliness, and coherence with current project) (10 points)
- _____ Hypothesis stated correctly (6 points)
- _____ Formatting: Title of paper centered at top of first page (1 point)

Introduction total: _____

Method (section subtotal 22 points)

- _____ Participants/Subjects – describe the subject pool to be used, including sampling methods (5 points)
- _____ Materials and Apparatus – What will be used? Why? (5 points)
- _____ Procedure – Describe the experiment step by step (5 points)
- _____ Method of Analysis – How will you analyze the results? What will these analyses tell you? (5 points)
- _____ Formatting:
 - _____ Centered heading: "Method" (1 point)
 - _____ Subsections begin with left-justified, boldfaced headings (e.g. **Procedure**) (1 point)

Methods total: _____

References (section subtotal 18 points)

- _____ References provided appropriately for each article cited (3 points)
- _____ No references for articles not cited (3 points)
- _____ APA style for references in the Reference Section (5 points)
- _____ APA style for references in the text (5 points)
- _____ Formatting:
 - _____ Centered heading: "References" (1 point)
 - _____ Hanging indents for all entries (1 point)

References total: _____

Total points available for content and format: 79 Points

Total points earned for content and format: _____

General writing (section subtotal 21 points): Points are lost for the following types of errors:

Disagreement in number of subjects, verbs & pronouns
Sentence fragments instead of complete sentences
Awkward sentences or sentences with unclear meaning
Incorrect use of punctuation marks
Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too)
Other errors in writing mechanics

Disagreement in tense within or across sentences
Run-on sentences (in extreme cases with lack of clarity)
Colloquialisms or slang
Typos
Lacking a staple or stapled with the pages out of order

Excellent = 21 Points Good = 17 Points Fair = 13 Points
Poor = 8 Extremely Poor = 0

General Writing total: _____

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