

PSYCHOLOGY: APA FORMAT RESEARCH PAPER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Title Page -----Points: _____ / 7

Contains ALL necessary information properly positioned on the title page (1 point each)

- _____ a. Title
- _____ b. Title accurately reflects content
- _____ c. Student's Name
- _____ d. Institution/College
- _____ e. Short Title & Page
- _____ f. Running head, as appropriate
- _____ g. No extraneous material is included

2. Abstract ----- Points: _____ / 5

(1 point each)

- _____ a. Separate Page/Labeled Properly
- _____ b. No more than 120 words
- _____ c. Block Style
- _____ d. Spaced appropriately
- _____ e. Accurate summary of major sections of the entire paper

3. Introduction --Points: _____ / 12

(up to 2 points each)

- _____ a. Labeled appropriately
- _____ b. Supportive background information that provides a context for the purpose
- _____ c. General purpose of the study
- _____ d. States the hypothesis
- _____ e. Indicates the rationale for the hypothesis
- _____ f. Information presented in a well-developed, concise manner of presentation

4. Method ----- Points: _____ / 10

(up to 2 points each)

- _____ a. Section and subsections labeled appropriately
- _____ b. Describes number of and other relevant features of participants
- _____ c. Describes the materials used including examples as appropriate
- _____ d. Outlines the procedure followed
- _____ e. Information with sufficient detail to enable ready replication of the study

5. Results ----- Points: _____ / 10

(up to 2 points each)

- _____ a. Section labeled appropriately
- _____ b. Cites the results in line text
- _____ c. Presents the results in quantitative form
- _____ d. Information presented in an orderly, logical, and concise manner
- _____ e. Results are presented accurately

6. Discussion -----Points: _____ / 16

(up to 2 points each)

- _____ a. Section labeled appropriately
- _____ b. Summarizes the results
- _____ c. Relates the results back to the original hypothesis (support or fail to support)
- _____ d. Offers a plausible explanation for the outcome
- _____ e. Identifies problems with the study
- _____ f. Discusses the importance of the research
- _____ g. Suggests a future course of research that logically follows from the current study
- _____ h. Section possesses a coherent and concise quality

7. References -----Points: _____ / 8

a. In-text citations: (up to 2 points each)

- _____ 1. Author paraphrases work and/or uses quotations sparingly
- _____ 2. Author uses appropriate in-text citations

b. Reference section: (1 point each)

- _____ 1. Appears on a separate page and is labeled properly
- _____ 2. Presented in alphabetical order and indented appropriately
- _____ 3. Reference section contains only primary sources cited in the text
- _____ 4. Specific reference types prepared in accordance with APA format

8. Composition ---Points: _____ / 12

(up to 2 points each)

- a. Depth of understanding
 - _____ 1. Accurate and informative understanding of topic
- b. Clarity of communication
 - _____ 1. Logical, well-reasoned, orderly flow of ideas
 - _____ 2. Smooth transition between sentences and paragraphs
 - _____ 3. Writing is straight-forward and succinct
- c. Complexity and sophistication of expression
 - _____ 1. Author utilizes a variety of sentence structures
 - _____ 2. Author uses varied and appropriate wording

9. APA Mechanics Points: _____ / 5

Written in standardized APA format: (1 point each)

- _____ a. Double-spaced (unless otherwise specified)
- _____ b. 1-inch margins (unless otherwise specified)
- _____ c. Standard font type and size (e.g., Times New Roman, 12 point)
- _____ d. Pagination, as appropriate
- _____ e. Paper is written in the proper voice and tense

10. Grammar and Spelling Pts: _____ / 15

Contains ALL of the following: (up to 5 points each)

- _____ a. Proper sentence structure (no errors)
- _____ b. Correct spelling (no spelling errors)
- _____ c. Correct punctuation (no punctuation errors)

Comments:

----- Total Points: _____ / 100