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Psychology -- *Scoring Guide for Final Paper*

General Formatting (section subtotal of 3 points) **Format Section Total _____/3**

____ 1.0" margins (1 point)
____ double spacing (1 point)
____ Page header and page number in upper right corner on each page (1 point)

Title Page (section subtotal of 3 points) **Title Page Section Total _____/3**

____ Title (1 point)
____ Student Name and Affiliation (1 point)
____ Running Head (1 point)

Abstract (section subtotal of 5 points) **Abstract Section Total _____/5**

____ 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: Centered heading: "Abstract", body in one paragraph, no indent on 1st line, ≤120 words (1 point)

Introduction (section subtotal 22 points) **Introduction Section Total _____/22**

____ Describe in detail the goal of the project (5 points)
____ Describe previous studies and basic concepts (10 points)
Judged for quality, timeliness, number, and coherence with current project
____ Hypothesis stated correctly (6 points)
____ Formatting: Title of paper centered at top of page (1 point)

Method (section subtotal 16 points) **Method Section Total _____/16**

____ Participants/Subjects -- describe the subject pool (5 points)
____ Materials and Apparatus -- what was used? (5 points)
____ Procedure – describe the experiment so it might be replicated (5 points)
____ Formatting: Centered heading: "Method" and subsections begind with
left-justified, italicized headings (e.g. *Procedure*) (1 point)

Results (section subtotal 11 points) **Results Section Total _____/11**

____ Describe the results of the experiment (5 points)
____ Describe the methods of analysis used (5 points)
____ Formatting: Centered heading: "Results" (1 point)

Discussion (section subtotal 13 points) **Discussion Section Total _____/13**

____ Show whether the project demonstrated the concept to be tested, relating conclusion to data (5 points)
____ Discuss successes and problems with the study (5 points)
____ Suggestions for further investigation (2 points)
____ Formatting: Centered heading: "Discussion" (1 point)

References (section subtotal 8 points) **References Section Total _____/8**

____ References provided appropriately for each article cited (1 points)
____ No references for articles not cited (1 points)
____ APA style for references in the Reference Section (3 points)
____ APA style for references in the text (2 points)
____ Formatting:
Centered heading: "References" & Hanging indents for all entries (1 point)

Appendix – if applicable (section subtotal 2 points) **Appendix Section Total _____/2**

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

General writing (section subtotal 17 points): Subtract points the following errors: **General Writing Section Total _____/17**

Disagreement in # of subjects/verbs/pronouns	Typos	Lacking a staple or stapled out of order
Disagreements in tense	Awkward, run-on or unclear sentences	Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too)
Sentence fragments	Colloquialisms or slang	Other errors in writing mechanics
	Incorrect use of punctuation marks	

Excellent = 17 Points Good = 14 Points Fair = 12 Points Poor = 10 Extremely Poor = 0

Paper Total Score: _____/100