**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)

Method 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/too)
- Other errors in writing mechanics

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