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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, italicized 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:

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| Disagreement in number of subjects, verbs & pronouns | Disagreement in tense within or across sentences |
| Sentence fragments instead of complete sentences | Run-on sentences (in extreme cases with lack of clarity) |
| Awkward sentences or sentences with unclear meaning | Colloquialisms or slang |
| Incorrect use of punctuation marks | Typos |
| Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too) | Lacking a staple or stapled with the pages out of order |
| Other errors in writing mechanics | |

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

General Writing total: _____

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