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Psychology -- Scoring Guide for Final Paper

General Formatting (section subtotal of 3 points)

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

Format Section Total _____/3

Title Page (section subtotal of 3 points)

- ___ Title (1 point)
- ___ Student Name and Affiliation (1 point)
- ___ Running Head (1 point)

Title Page Section Total _____/3

Abstract (section subtotal of 5 points)

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

Abstract Section Total _____/5

Introduction (section subtotal 22 points)

- ___ 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)

Introduction Section Total _____/22

Method (section subtotal 16 points)

- ___ 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 begin with left-justified, italicized headings (e.g. *Procedure*) (1 point)

Method Section Total _____/16

Results (section subtotal 11 points)

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

Results Section Total _____/11

Discussion (section subtotal 13 points)

- ___ 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)

Discussion Section Total _____/13

References (section subtotal 8 points)

- ___ References provided appropriately for each article cited (1 point)
- ___ No references for articles not cited (1 point)
- ___ 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)

References Section Total _____/8

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:

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| Disagreement in # of subjects/verbs/pronouns | Typos |
| Disagreements in tense | Awkward, run-on or unclear sentences |
| Sentence fragments | Colloquialisms or slang |
| | Incorrect use of punctuation marks |

General Writing Section Total _____/17

- ___ Lacking a staple or stapled out of order
- ___ Incorrect word choices (e.g. their/there or two/to/too)
- ___ Other errors in writing mechanics

Excellent = 17 Points

Good = 14 Points

Fair = 12 Points

Poor = 10

Extremely Poor = 0

Paper Total Score: _____/100