Psychology Thesis
Research Paper Evaluation Form

STUDENT: _____   Grade: _____

EVALUATOR: **Dr. Stephen T. Paul** _____

CRITERIA	EXEMPLARY 3	PROFICIENT 2	MARGINAL 1	UNACCEPTABLE 0		
INTRODUCTION						
Headed by title; first paragraph provides logical orientation.	Excellent	Good	Adequate; Some concepts missing	Inadequate; Important concepts missing	**x1=**	
Background provides a clear rationale for study.	Excellent	Good	Adequate; Some concepts missing	Inadequate; Important concepts missing	**x3=**	
Explicit statements describing issues & hypotheses.	Excellent	Good	Adequate; Some concepts missing	Inadequate; Important concepts missing	**x1=**	
Unique contribution is made clear.	Excellent	Good	Adequate; Some concepts missing	Inadequate; Important concepts missing	**x1=**	
Predictions about expected results follow from review.	Excellent	Good	Adequate; Some concepts missing	Inadequate; Important concepts missing	**x1=**	
METHOD						
Format: Past tense; appropriate sections	Perfect	Minor defects	Missing or too many sections, wrong tense	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Participants	Sufficient for replication	Main ideas, but missing some details	Not enough information to replicate	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x2=**	
Design	Sufficient for replication	Main ideas, but missing some details	Not enough information to replicate	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Materials & Apparatus	Sufficient for replication	Main ideas, but missing some details	Not enough information to replicate	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Procedures	Sufficient for replication	Main ideas, but missing some details	Not enough information to replicate	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x2=**	

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RESULTS						
All analyses are appropriate	Fully adheres to APA style	Most, but not all APA style	Some elements APA style	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Main findings	Clearly described; no interpretation	Somewhat clear, no interpretation	Somewhat clear, but interpreting	Unclear descriptions, results interpreted	**x2=**	
Data presentation	Fully adheres to APA style	Most, but not all APA style	Some elements APA style	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
DISCUSSION						
Hypotheses and findings	Hypotheses reviewed; results summarized	Partial review, some summary	Little review of either	Does not review or summarize	**x2=**	
Main discussion	Thorough without going beyond data	Too selective in what is discussed	Describes rather than interprets	Little description, no interpretation	**x3=**	
Link to literature	Explanation of why similar or dissimilar to past research	Some mention of why or how results link to past research	No discussion of why or how results link to past research	No mention of past research whatsoever	**x1=**	
Implications	Extends findings to research or world; provides next step	Some mention of implications and a next step	No implications or no next step	Neither implications nor next research steps mentioned	**x1=**	
MISCELLANEOUS						
Title page	Appropriate and meets APA style	Vague, but APA style is met	Not appropriate or not APA style	Inappropriate and not APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Abstract	Appropriate and meets APA style	Vague, but APA style is met	Not appropriate or not APA style	Inappropriate and not APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
References	Appropriate and meets APA style	Some errors in APA style	Many errors in APA style	Does not adhere to APA style whatsoever	**x1=**	
Operationalization	Sufficient for replication	Main ideas, but missing some details	Not enough information to replicate	None of the terms operationally defined	**x1=**	
Preparation	No typos: Good grammar, good spelling, good punctuation	Some typos (one per page) but not enough to distract	Many typos (more than four per page)	Clearly did not proofread	**x1=**	

TOTAL POINTS (out of 90 possible) _____