# PSYCHOLOGY: APA FORMAT RESEARCH PAPER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Name: ______________________________________________________  Date: __________

**1. Title Page ------ Points: ____/ 7**
- Contains ALL necessary information properly positioned on the title page (1 point each)
  - a. Title
  - b. Title accurately reflects content
  - c. Student's Name
  - d. Institution/College
  - e. Short Title & Page
  - f. Running head, as appropriate
  - g. No extraneous material is included

**2. Abstract ------ Points: ____/ 5**
- (1 point each)
  - a. Separate Page/Labeled Properly
  - b. No more than 120 words
  - c. Block Style
  - d. Spaced appropriately
  - e. Accurate summary of major sections of the entire paper

**3. Introduction -- Points: ____/ 12**
- (up to 2 points each)
  - a. Labeled appropriately
  - b. Supportive background information that provides a context for the purpose
  - c. General purpose of the study
  - d. States the hypothesis
  - e. Indicates the rationale for the hypothesis
  - f. Information presented in a well-developed, concise manner of presentation

**4. Method ------- Points: ____/ 10**
- (up to 2 points each)
  - a. Section and subsections labeled appropriately
  - b. Describes number of and other relevant features of participants
  - c. Describes the materials used including examples as appropriate
  - d. Outlines the procedure followed
  - e. Information with sufficient detail to enable ready replication of the study

**5. Results -------- Points: ____/ 10**
- (up to 2 points each)
  - a. Section labeled appropriately
  - b. Cites the results in line text
  - c. Presents the results in quantitative form
  - d. Information presented in an orderly, logical, and concise manner
  - e. Results are presented accurately

**6. Discussion ----- Points: ____/ 16**
- (up to 2 points each)
  - a. Section labeled appropriately
  - b. Summarizes the results
  - c. Relates the results back to the original hypothesis (support or fail to support)
  - d. Offers a plausible explanation for the outcome
  - e. Identifies problems with the study
  - f. Discusses the importance of the research
  - g. Suggests a future course of research that logically follows from the current study
  - h. Section possesses a coherent and concise quality

**7. References ----- Points: ____/ 8**
- a. In-text citations:
  - (up to 2 points each)
    - 1. Author paraphrases work and/or uses quotations sparingly
    - 2. Author uses appropriate in-text citations
  - b. Reference section:
    - 1 point each)
    - 1. Appears on a separate page and is labeled properly
    - 2. Presented in alphabetical order and indented appropriately
    - 3. Reference section contains only primary sources cited in the text
    - 4. Specific reference types prepared in accordance with APA format

**8. Composition --- Points: ____/ 12**
- (up to 2 points each)
  - a. Depth of understanding
    - 1. Accurate and informative understanding of topic
  - b. Clarity of communication
    - 1. Logical, well-reasoned, orderly flow of ideas
    - 2. Smooth transition between sentences and paragraphs
  - c. Complexity and sophistication of expression
    - 1. Author utilizes a variety of sentence structures
    - 2. Author uses varied and appropriate wording

**9. APA Mechanics Points: ____/ 5**
- Written in standardized APA format: (1 point each)
  - a. Double-spaced (unless otherwise specified)
  - b. 1-inch margins (unless otherwise specified)
  - c. Standard font type and size (e.g., Times New Roman, 12 point)
  - d. Pagination, as appropriate
  - e. Paper is written in the proper voice and tense

**10. Grammar and Spelling Pts: ____/ 15**
- Contains ALL of the following: (up to 5 points each)
  - a. Proper sentence structure (no errors)
  - b. Correct spelling (no spelling errors)
  - c. Correct punctuation (no punctuation errors)

**Comments:**

---------- Total Points: ____/ 100