

Psychology Practical Comment Sheet

Name: Date Submitted:

Practical: Mark:

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Checklist of comments

TITLE

- Missing Correct Incorrect Vague Too short Too long
- Incorrect but adequate

ABSTRACT

- Needs the heading 'Abstract' or 'Summary' Section missing Too short
- Too long (max. 200 words) Unclear
- Wrongly placed, it should be at the beginning
- Omits hypothesis/aim – design procedure results-conclusion
- Material which is here belongs elsewhere, e.g.
- Clear Succinct

INTRODUCTION

- Section missing Heading missing
- Too short (min. 300 w) About right length Too long (max. 1,000 w)
- Follows handout too closely Rambling and unfocussed
- Does not incorporate a statement of the hypothesis
- Rationale for study missing
- Does not review previous empirical findings Omits relevant readings
- Does not consider appropriate theories
- Some material included here belongs elsewhere, e.g.
- Inappropriate use of references Well argued
- Shows set reading has been done

METHOD

- The entire section is missing Should be sub-divided as below:

Subjects

- Number? Groups? Sex Age? Naive to purposes of study

Materials/Apparatus

- Section missing Not enough detail Too much detail
- Needs diagram

Design

- Section missing Control(s)? Balancing? Randomisation?

Procedure

- Section missing Instructions to subjects? Details missing
- Too detailed Whole section clear and detailed

Results

Tables

- Missing Summary table needed
- Calculations/Raw data go in appendix
- No numbers/titles on tables (e.g. 'Table 1: Mean errors for each age group')
- Untidy Neat

Figures/Graphs

- Missing Axes need labelling Keys to symbols? Wrong items plotted
- Bad scaling on axes No numbers/titles on figures (e.g. 'Figure 1:Graph of')
- Untidy Neat

Description of Data

- Missing Too short Good length Put some of this in Discussion

Statistics

- You have not done all the tests described in class
- Link this with a table/result
- Arithmetic errors Tables/figures neat and well presented
- Verbal description clear/precise

DISCUSSION

- Missing Little evidence that you have done the required reading
- Too short Too long
- Mention problems with procedure/design
- Does not pick up points raised in the introduction
- Conclusion missing Your conclusion is not justified from the data presented
- Material has been included here which would go better in the introduction
- Satisfactory Well organised Well organised and well argued
- Contains some novel and interesting opinions

REFERENCES

- Some references are incomplete
- Minimum information is:
 - (a) first author (b) title of article or book (c) title of journal (if relevant)
 - (d) volume number (e) year of publication (f) publisher (books only)
- Some references made in report are not detailed here
- Some references are inaccurate
- Section missing Satisfactory

GENERAL

- Poor Fair Very good Excellent
- Too brief overall Too hurriedly written
- Report not sent out in formal order
- Poor spelling Poor grammar Untidy
- Difficult to follow your arguments: muddled, disorganised
- Overall presentation above average
- Demonstrates reading beyond set references and extra marks have been awarded for this

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