

Scoring Sheet for Writing Assessment
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1. Content is clearly stated, including adequate justification of hypotheses, appropriate level of detail throughout, and reasoned/logical presentation of research. Literature review studies are applicable and used appropriately, and the review includes adequate and appropriate documentation. Method section includes sufficient detail to enable reader to replicate the study.

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

2. The text "flows" well. Flow includes (a) organization (clear, well-developed hypotheses; clear topic sentences; good transition between ideas; all sections of paper tie together) and (b) tone (language is professionally appropriate; word choice is accurate; text demonstrates appropriate voice for writing task).

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

3. APA style and format are used correctly, including format of reference section and agreement between references cited in text and those in reference section.

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

4. Mechanics are correct. These include grammar, syntax, spelling, punctuation, and use of correct homonyms/near homonyms (e.g., affect, effect; compliment, complement) while avoiding non-word errors (e.g., a lot).

More than satisfactory_____ Satisfactory_____ Unacceptable_____

5. Paper is written for the appropriate audience, namely, individuals who read research articles.

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