

IB PSYCHOLOGY

(Fall Final Exam)

Your Final Exam for this semester will focus on your Internal Assessment by completing the first two parts of the IA (Introduction and Method). IB Diploma/Certificate candidates are required to write the IA individually and not with other students (they are only permitted to share data and statistical analysis). All other students may write the IA individually **or** as a group.

TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED REPORT due no later than **December 15, 2010** and must include the following (in order) using the headings below; be sure to number each page.

5 points A cover sheet with title, student name and IB candidate number (if applicable), subject and level of course (HL), date and number of words (subject to change)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

5 points Abstract, Introduction, Method (Design, Participants, Procedure), Descriptive Results, Inferential Results, Discussion, References, Appendices

ABSTRACT

5 points A (blank) page labeled “Abstract”

INTRODUCTION

5 points The aim of the study- a statement about what is being investigated and what is expected.

10 points A summary/explanation of the key theories from 3 research studies. **The studies should be made relevant to your research hypothesis.**

5 points The experimental/research hypothesis- stated mathematically and operationalized (a clear and concise prediction of what is expected to be demonstrated in the experiment and how the variables will be quantified).

5 points The null hypothesis- stated mathematically and operationalized (no significant difference is expected to be found on the measure of the dependent variable and that any difference found is due to chance).

METHOD: DESIGN

10 points The type of the experimental design (independent samples, repeated measures etc) and a **justification** for the design. Identify and explain all controls used.

5 points A clear identification of the independent and dependent variables.

5 points Ethical considerations (including **informed** consent)

METHOD: PARTICIPANTS

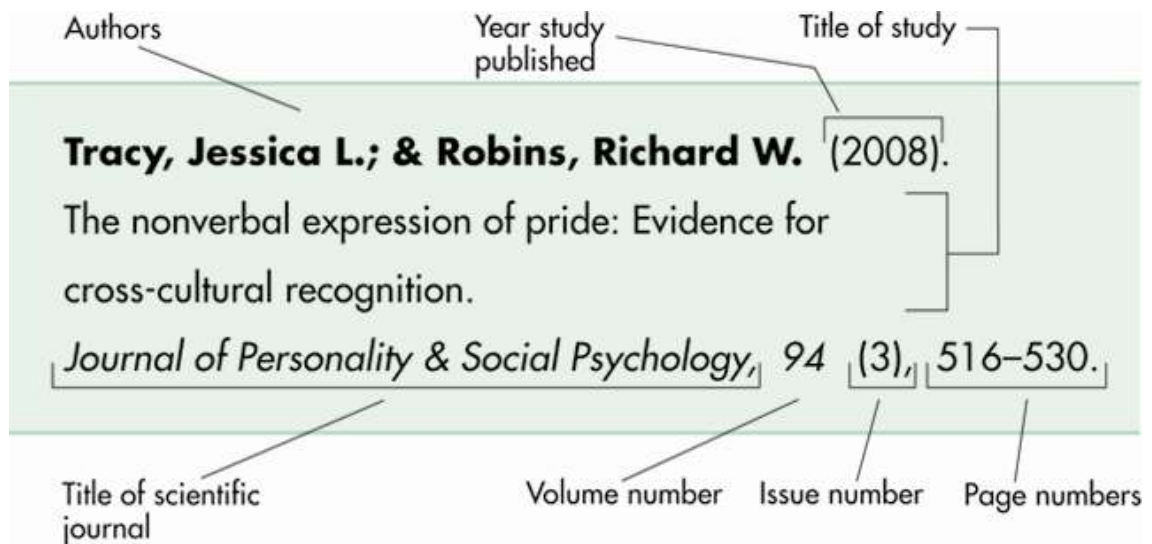
- 5 points The specific characteristics your target population (age, gender etc)
- 5 points The number of participants you expect to use (15 – 40) and how you will obtain your sample- if it is not to be done randomly, justify why not.
- 5 points Your allocation procedures

METHOD: PROCEDURES

- 10 points A careful and accurate description of how you (plan to) carry-out your experiment. (Use a chronological order beginning with how materials were developed so that another researcher could replicate the experiment.)
- 5 points A list all materials specifically developed for use in the experiment (standardized instructions, informed consent, memory tests, word lists debriefing notes etc) and reference sample copies to appendices.

REFERENCES

- 5 points A (complete) set of alphabetized references to the works cited in the study using the APA citation method below:



APPENDICES

- 10 points Each appendix labeled appropriately with all materials necessary to allow for the experiment to be replicated. (Eventually, this section will include your data and statistic analyses as well.)

SAVE YOUR REPORT ON A FLASH DRIVE FOR FURTHER REVISIONS/ADDITIONS