

PSEM Partial Research Report Assignment General Expectations

	General characteristics of a very good answer.	General characteristics of an answer that will not attract a good mark.
Title page (5 Marks)	An APA formatted title page that features a concise but descriptive title page that captures the key elements of the research.	A title page that is not APA formatted and/or a title that is overly complicated, features unnecessary information, or does not capture the key elements of the research.
Abstract (5 marks)	Within the 150-word limit, a good abstract will (i) provide a brief explanation/rationale for the research, (ii) outline the study aims, (iii) describe the essential parts of the methods, (iv) outline primary results, and (v) describe any possible implications	Markers will stop reading at word number 150, thus ensuring you are within the word limit is important. Abstracts that miss any of the key information specified in the good answer section, or that include unnecessary information will not attract a good mark.
Research Question and Hypotheses (5 Marks)	A clearly stated research <u>question</u> that conforms to conventional standards (i.e., PICO: Population, intervention/exposure, control/comparison, outcome). Both Hypotheses are phrased as <u>testable predictions</u> and capture the exposure, outcomes, and population of interest.	A research question that does not capture the key elements of a good research question – or if the research question is not clearly stated/posed as a question. Hypotheses that are phrased as questions or are not proposed as a testable prediction will not attract good marks.
Method (20 Marks)	A good method section will address each of the points listed in point 5 in the above guidelines. There is a clear and well written <i>Design, Participants, and Procedure</i> sections will all the relevant content included sufficient to permit replication. Irrelevant content is not included.	Methods sections will not attract a good mark if there is no clear evidence that the student understands the key components required for a professionally written Method section for a conventional research report. Examples of this would include if important information is omitted, if unnecessary information is included, or if the information is not clearly reported.
Results (30 Marks) 20 marks for write-up; 5 marks for Figure, 5 marks for Table	The results of Hypothesis One and Two are communicated clearly, accurately, and adhere to APA style formatting. Descriptive statistics are provided in-text. Effect sizes and confidence intervals are appropriate. Students have performed the correct analysis, correctly (evidenced in their appendix) and is correctly	A results section that does not clearly address Hypothesis One and Hypothesis two will not attract a good mark. Hypotheses that are interpreted incorrectly, messily, or using the wrong analysis/incorrect interpretation of the correct analysis will also lose marks. Tables and Figures that do not adhere to the clearly outline

	interpreted. Tables and Figures adhere to APA format and well-constructed such that they make sense without having to read the rest of the results section. Results section does not incorporate elements usually seen in a discussion (e.g., interpretation of the results and what it means for future practice, etc.). Table and Figure referred to in-text.	requirements as per the APA 7 th edition Publication manual will also lose marks.
Partial Discussion Section (15 marks)	A good partial discussion section will address each of the points listed in point 6 in the above guidelines. Clear summary of research aims is provided, statement of support for both hypotheses included (with justification) and they have provided some speculation on reasons for pairwise comparison findings. This section is free from any statistical jargon and there is clear evidence that the student can interpret what the results <i>mean</i> .	Discussion sections that do not provide a summary of the study aims, incorrect/incomplete interpretations of the study hypotheses, and/or does not speculate on reasons for pairwise comparison findings. Similarly, repeating the information from the results section will not attract a good mark, either.
Reference List (5 marks)	References are provided and formatted correctly.	Reference list is missing or includes several mistakes.
Appendix (5 Marks)	Appendix is correctly formatted and contains all relevant information.	Appendix is missing key information or completely, and/or is not formatted correctly.
Professional Writing Style, APA style and formatting (10 Marks)	APA 7 th edition formatting is consistent throughout and the manuscript is largely free from errors.	Several formatting issues can be identified and/or there are many grammatical errors present.