**Literature summary assignment**

*Each question must be answered in complete sentences, in your own words*.

Please type directly into the document, and submit on BB as a MS Word document.

1. In no less than 250 words, provide a summary of the article.
2. What is the independent variable in this research study, and what are its levels?
3. What is the dependent variable in this research study?
4. What steps did the researchers take to prevent potential confounding variables from influencing their results?

*Refer to the second paragraph of the results section to answer following questions 5-7.*

1. What was the researchers’ hypothesis?
2. Is this a one-tailed (directional) or two-tailed research hypothesis? Explain.
3. Was the hypothesis supported by the results? If yes, describe the difference that was found between the groups being compared.
4. The message written on the back of the check concerned an upcomingspecial dinner at the restaurant. It is possible that it was the content ofthe message rather than simply a personalized message from the server that accounts for the results. How might the authors have evaluatedthis possibility?
5. Researchers used index cards to randomly assign the dining parties tothe experimental and control conditions. What other strategies couldthey have used for random assignment in this experiment?
6. This study used only two groups. Suggest a third group the authors could have included in the study. What question(s) would this third group allow the authors to address in the study?
7. Describe a behavior you believe a server could exhibit in order to increase his/her tips. Then, describe an experiment that could be done (similar to the experiment performed in the article) that would scientifically evaluate the impact of the behavior on tips received.