Grading for this assignment will be based on answer quality, logic / organization of the paper, and language and writing skills, using the following rubric.

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| **Points: 150** | **Assignment 1:** **Description of Research Methodology** | | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Unacceptable** **Below 60% F** | **Meets Minimum Expectations** **60-69% D** | **Fair** **70-79% C** | **Proficient** **80-89% B** | **Exemplary** **90-100% A** |
| 1. Briefly summarize the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Identify the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely summarized the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Did not submit or incompletely identified the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). | Insufficiently summarized the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Insufficiently identified the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). | Partially summarized the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Partially identified the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). | Satisfactorily summarized the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Satisfactorily identified the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). | Thoroughly summarized the main details of your chosen social psychology research study. Thoroughly identified the main research method(s) used in the study (e.g., case study, experiment, observation, etc.). |
| 2. Explain whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Provide a rationale for your response. Weight: 20% | Did not submit or incompletely explained whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently explained whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially explained whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily explained whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly explained whether or not you believe the research methodology that the researchers used in the study was the most appropriate for the study. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 3. Discuss whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Explain the main reasons why or why not. Weight: 20% | Did not submit or incompletely discussed whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Did not submit or incompletely explained the main reasons why or why not. | Insufficiently discussed whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Insufficiently explained the main reasons why or why not. | Partially discussed whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Partially explained the main reasons why or why not. | Satisfactorily discussed whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Satisfactorily explained the main reasons why or why not. | Thoroughly discussed whether or not you believe the research methodology used in the study is the one (1) method that provides researchers with the most information in general. Thoroughly explained the main reasons why or why not. |
| 4. Explain the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Describe the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Provide a rationale for your response. Weight: 15% | Did not submit or incompletely explained the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Did not submit or incompletely described the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Did not submit or incompletely provided a rationale for your response. | Insufficiently explained the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Insufficiently described the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Insufficiently provided a rationale for your response. | Partially explained the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Partially described the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Partially provided a rationale for your response. | Satisfactorily explained the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Satisfactorily described the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Satisfactorily provided a rationale for your response. | Thoroughly explained the major ethical implications of the selected study (e.g., informed consent, debriefing, etc.). Thoroughly described the main reasons why you believe the study was or was not ethical. Thoroughly provided a rationale for your response. |
| 5. Writing / Support for ideas Weight: 10% | Never uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas. | Rarely uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas. | Partially uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas. | Mostly uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas. | Consistently uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas. |
| 6. Writing / Grammar and mechanics Weight: 10% | Serious and persistent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. | Numerous errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. | Partially free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. | Mostly free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. | Consistently free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. |
| 7. Introductory statement has in-text citations for SPARQ article and the original research article. Weight: 5% | Introductory statement omitted or lacks in-text citations. | In-text citation for at least one of the articles is provided | Partly correct in-text citations are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. | Mostly correct in-text citations are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. | Correct in-text citations are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. |
| 8. Reference section has references for the SPARQ article and the original research article. Weight: 5% | References omitted or do not match introductory statement. | Reference for at least one of the articles is provided. | Partly correct references are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. | Mostly correct references are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. | Correct references are provided for both the SPARQ article and the original research article. |