**IB PSYCHOLOGY**
(Internal Assessment Criteria)

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## I.      Introduction

| Marks | Level Descriptor |
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| **0** | • Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below |
| **1 - 2** | • The aim of the investigation is stated but its relevance is not identified<br><br>• The theory or model upon which the investigation is based is identified but the description is incomplete or contains errors<br><br>• Null and/or research hypotheses are stated but do not correctly identify the Independent or Dependent Variables |
| **3 - 4** | • The aim of the investigation is stated and its relevance is identified but not explained<br><br>• The theory or model upon which the investigation is based is described but the link to the investigation is not explained<br><br>• The Independent and Dependent Variables are correctly stated in the null or research hypotheses but not operationalized |
| 5 - 6 | • The aim of the investigation is stated and its relevance is explained<br><br>• The theory or model upon which the investigation is based is described and the link to the investigation is explained<br><br>• The Independent and Dependent Variables are stated and operationalized in the null and research hypotheses |

## II.    Exploration

| Marks | Level Descriptor |
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| **0** | • Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below |
| **1 - 2** | • The research design is described<br><br>• The sampling technique is described<br><br>• Characteristics of the participants are described<br><br>• Controlled variables are described<br><br>• The materials used or described |
| **3 - 4** | • The research design is explained<br><br>• The sampling technique is explained.<br><br>• The choice of participants is explained<br><br>• Controlled variables are explained<br><br>• The choice of materials is explained |

## III.    Analysis

| Marks | Level Descriptor |
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| **0** | • Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below |
| **1 - 2** | • Only descriptive or inferential statistics are applied<br><br>• A correct graphing technique is chosen but the graph does not address the hypothesis<br><br>• There is no clear statement of findings |
| **3 - 4** | • Appropriate descriptive and inferential statistics are applied but there are errors<br><br>• The graph addresses the hypothesis but contains errors<br><br>• The statistical findings are stated but either not interpreted with regard to the data or not linked to the hypothesis |
| **5 - 6** | • Descriptive and inferential statistics are appropriately and accurately applied<br><br>• The graph is correctly presented and addresses the hypothesis<br><br>• The statistical findings are interpreted with regard to the data and linked to the hypothesis |

## IV.     Evaluation

| Marks | Level Descriptor |
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| **0** | • Does not reach the standard described by the descriptors below |
| **1 - 2** | • The findings of the investigation are described without reference to the background theory or model<br><br>• Strengths and limitations of the design, sample or procedure are stated but are not directly relevant to the hypothesis<br><br>• One or more modifications are stated |
| **3 - 4** | • The findings of the investigation are described with reference to the background theory or model<br><br>• Strengths and limitations of the design, sample or procedure are stated and described and relevant to the investigation<br><br>• Modifications are described but not explicitly linked to the limitations of the investigation |
| **5 - 6** | • The findings of the investigation are discussed with reference to the background theory or model<br><br>• Strengths and limitations of the design, sample or procedure are stated and explained and relevant to the investigation<br><br>• Modifications are explicitly linked to the limitations of the investigation and fully justified |

**Format (Not Graded)**

| Marks | Level Descriptor |
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| **0** | • The report is not within the word limit of 1,800 – 2,200 words. <br><br> • Required sections of the report are missing <br><br> • Appendices are missing or incomplete. |
| **1** | • The report is within the word limit of 1,800 – 2,200 words. <br><br> • The report is complete but not in the required format. <br><br> • Appendices are not labeled appropriately and/or are not referenced in the body of the report. |
| **2** | • The report is within the word limit of 1,800 – 2,200 words* <br><br> • The report is complete and in the required format. <br><br> • Appendices are labeled appropriately and are referenced in the body of the report. |

**\*** *The word count does not include supplementary information such as abstract, title page, references, section headings, parenthetical citations, graphs, charts and appendices.*