

Abstract (10%) – 150 words

- General introductory statement included.
- Main aim and hypotheses clear.
- Important aspects of method presented.
- Key results highlighted.
- Statement of conclusion provided.

Introduction (15%) – approx. 500 words

- Starts general and becomes more specific.
- All key concepts are clearly defined.
- The major relevant points in the following areas are introduced:
 - Values (including basic and higher order structures), attitudes, value-expressive function of attitudes
- Relevant previous studies going beyond starting references were selected and evaluated.
 - Particularly studies supporting the operationalisations of the independent and dependent variables are reviewed, as well as those that lead to appropriate hypotheses.
- Information has been organised in a logical and well-justified argument.
- The review of the literature clearly leads to appropriately stated hypotheses.

Method (10%) – approx. 150 words

- Participants
 - Sample size included.
 - Methods used to recruit participants included.
- Materials
 - Describe both the Independent Variable (Values) and the Dependent Variable (Attitudes);
 - For each scale describe the scale, indicate the number of items, the number and response scale of the items, and how total scores are calculated;
- Procedure
 - The procedure is logically sequenced, including all steps from start to finish.
 - Manner in which each material was administered including any instructions is provided.

Results (15%) – approx. 200 words

- Presentation of correlations in a table with appropriate statistical detail and formatted correctly.
 - Includes all correlations and descriptive statistics (*Ms* and *SDs*) for all variables.
- Interpretation of relevant correlation analyses following the table is accurate.
- The results are interpreted accurately in light of the data presented.
 - Indication of the size of the relationships using a known convention (Cohen, 1992).

Discussion (30%) - approx. 500 words

- A statement of support (or lack of support) for hypotheses is integrated with a summary of main results.
- How the results link to the past research literature has been effectively presented.
- The information evaluated is relevant in addressing the outcomes of the study.
- The value of the methodology and theory has been discussed.
- Limitations of the research that limit the conclusions that can be drawn from the results have been addressed.
- Potential solutions for methodological issues have been presented.
- Discussion of future research directions was effective.
- Conclusion effectively ties up the findings of the current study and includes a statement of conclusion at the end.

APA Format (10%)

- Correctly formatted title page with descriptive title included.
- Page numbers and header correctly formatted.
- Double spacing used throughout.
- Non-biased language used.
- Appropriately formatted using correct levels of headings.
- References and in-text citations in correct APA format.

Writing (10%)

- All components of the task are present.
- Correct discipline-specific terminology has been used to describe the content and, where appropriate, care has been taken to explain terminology.
- No repetitive information is present.
- Writing is fluent, engaging and interesting to read.
- Appropriate tense, grammar, punctuation, spelling, paragraphs, clarity and logical progression.