Lab Report check list

Name:_____ Topic:_____

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Title	☐ ☐	Present
	☐☐☐☐☐	Conveys topic of report
Abstract	☐ ☐	Present
	☐☐☐☐☐	Summarises purpose, method, results & interpretation
	☐☐☐☐☐	Appropriate length & style
Introduction	☐☐☐☐☐	Identifies general topic of investigation
	☐☐☐☐☐	Moves from general to specific issues
	☐☐☐☐☐	Indicates the motivation for the present study
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequate definition of key terms
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequately describes relevant theory/ theories
	☐☐☐☐☐	Relates relevant findings from previous research to theory
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequately describes methods used in previous research
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequate commentary on issues with previous methods
	☐☐☐☐☐	Develops logical rationale for present study
	☐☐☐☐☐	Clearly states hypotheses/research questions
Method	☐☐☐☐☐	Participants/Materials/Procedure sections present
	☐☐☐☐☐	Appropriate information in each section
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequate description of participant characteristics
	☐☐☐☐☐	All relevant materials mentioned
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequate description of materials
	☐☐☐☐☐	Indicates what constructs tests/tasks were intended to measure
	☐☐☐☐☐	Indicates which task used which materials
	☐☐☐☐☐	Adequate description of procedure
Results	☐☐☐☐☐	Results presented in logical sequence
	☐☐☐☐☐	Reports descriptive statistics appropriately
	☐☐☐☐☐	Interprets descriptive statistics appropriately
	☐☐☐☐☐	Reports inferential statistics appropriately
	☐☐☐☐☐	Interprets inferential statistics appropriately
	☐☐☐☐☐	States explicitly why statistics were calculated
	☐☐☐☐☐	Does not repeat same information in text/tables/figures
	☐☐☐☐☐	APA style tables (if used)
	☐☐☐☐☐	APA style figures (if used)
	☐☐☐☐☐	Appropriate reference to figures and tables in text (if used)
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Discussion	☐☐☐☐☐	Describes how present findings relate to hypotheses
	☐☐☐☐☐	Describes how consistent present findings are with previous research.
	☐☐☐☐☐	Suggests reasons for similarities/differences in findings from previous research
	☐☐☐☐☐	Discusses methodological <u>strengths</u> & what alternative interpretations they <u>rule out</u>
	☐☐☐☐☐	Discusses methodological <u>weaknesses</u> & what alternative interpretations they <u>fail to rule out</u>
	☐☐☐☐☐	Discusses theoretical implications of findings and draws conclusions supported by evidence
	☐☐☐☐☐	Makes sensible, specific suggestions for future research
References	☐☐☐☐☐	Evidence of adequate background reading
	☐☐☐☐☐	All points other than the author's own referenced (as appropriate)
	☐☐☐☐☐	In-text referencing in APA style
	☐☐☐☐☐	End references in APA style
	☐☐☐☐☐	All in-text references appear in reference list
	☐☐☐☐☐	Only references mentioned in text appear in reference list
Overall	☐☐☐☐☐	Lab report presents a cohesive argument
	☐☐☐☐☐	Evidence provided for all claims made
	☐☐☐☐☐	Findings are fully interpreted
	☐☐☐☐☐	Logical links made between theory & empirical method & results
	☐☐☐☐☐	Considers alternative possible interpretations and offers balanced argument
	☐☐☐☐☐	Communicates points clearly
	☐☐☐☐☐	Coverage of points reflects their importance
	☐☐☐☐☐	Accurate spelling
	☐☐☐☐☐	Correct grammar
	☐☐☐☐☐	Appropriate writing style
	☐☐☐☐☐	Wide margins and double spacing
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Further Comments: