**Research Ideas**

**10 points**

**Instructions**: Come up with three ideas for potential research topics and write each one out as a research question. Identify the independent and dependent variable for each question. Indicate which question you would like to use for the course project this semester.

Your ideas should be:

- Psychological in nature

- Add to the scientific literature (new)

- Something you care about

**Formatting**: You may type this assignment. Include your name and section number. You may refer to the example on next page.

**Examples of Past Research Ideas**

- What is the effect of sex education on sexual assault reporting?

- What is the effect of pervasive use of smartphones on motivation for social interaction?

- Is music therapy an effective treatment for Alzheimer’s patients?

- How does satisfaction with pay influence work happiness for entry-level positions?

- Are the effects of alcohol on confidence different for extroverted and introverted individuals?

- Are there personality differences in women who choose not to have children?

- How do art activities influence mental health in an education setting?

- How do financial practices (shared vs. separate finances) effect marital satisfaction?

**Submission**: Submit your work to CatCourses by **9:00 AM** on **Sep 6.**   
 *Pdf format only*

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Section 01

**Research Ideas (Example Assignment)**

1. What type of outdoor activity best helps elementary school students prior to an exam?

IV = type of outdoor activity (1. views of nature, 2. nature walk, 3. walk on track, 4. playground/recess)

DV = exam performance

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2. For people who struggle with addiction (vs. those who don’t), were they more likely to be coached to repress their feelings as children?

IV = emotional upbringing

DV = addiction rates

3. Does the effectiveness of socio-emotional curriculum vary across culture?

IV = cultural group

DV = effectiveness of social-emotional education