**Template and Grading Rubric for First Paper**

STUDENT NAME, ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

INTRODUCTION (5 points)

The student identifies the selected focal topic for the paper. What is the aspect of social, emotional or personality development that was raised in the media article that they have selected as their focus? The student succinctly articulates why this is an important or interesting thing to consider. The student poses a question or hypothesis about the accuracy (or lack thereof) of the media article’s claim(s), and states their goal for this paper.

CONTENT FROM MEDIA ARTICLE (10 points)

The student accurately summarizes what was written in the media article about their selected aspect of social, emotional or personality development. The student provides the necessary context for understanding the media article’s claim(s). Was it a fairly general or a very specific statement? Was it a broad-reaching statement that applies in all cases? Was it directed to specific ages, situations or communities? Did the media article describe evidence supporting it’s claim(s)? Did the media article make statements about the importance or relevance of its claim(s), such as recommendations for parents or for social policy? The student could write whether they found the media article to be clear, persuasive and convincing, or to be vague, incomplete or dubious.

CONTENT FROM EMPIRICAL ARTICLE 1 (10 points)

The student accurately presents the key facts from the first empirical article that pertain to the aspect of social, emotional or personality development that they are focused on. The student maintains a clear focus on the parts of the empirical article that are relevant for evaluating the media article’s claim(s), and for their question or hypothesis about the accuracy of the claim(s). What did the researchers hypothesize or expect to find? How did they examine this hypothesis? What did they find or show in their analyses of the data? Were effects clear and consistent across all the families involved in the study, or did the research identify any moderating effects? What do their findings mean, or what are the implications for the student’s understanding of this selected topic or issue? Were there any gaps in the arguments of the empirical article, or did it leave key matters unaddressed or unanswered?

CONTENT FROM EMPIRICAL ARTICLE 2 (10 points)

The student accurately presents the key facts from the second empirical article that pertain to the aspect of social, emotional or personality development that they are focused on. The student maintains a clear focus on the parts of the empirical article that are relevant for evaluating the media article’s claim(s), and for their question or hypothesis about the accuracy of the claim(s). What did the researchers hypothesize or expect to find? How did they examine this hypothesis? What did they find or show in their analyses of the data? Were effects clear and consistent across all the families involved in the study, or did the research identify any moderating effects? What do their findings mean, or what are the implications for the student’s understanding of this selected topic or issue? Were there any gaps in the arguments of the empirical article, or did it leave key matters unaddressed or unanswered?

INTEGRATION AND CONCLUSION (10 points)

The student considerations the evidence provided in the empirical articles. Were the articles consistent with one another? Did the information in one article address any gaps identified in the other article? The student states what they confidently conclude about their focal topic, based on their empirical evidence.

The student compares that conclusion to the claim(s) made in the media article. Are the claims of the media article and the empirical articles compatible? In what ways do the empirical articles support, or refute, the claim(s) made in the media article? Ultimately, how accurate was the media article?

The student concludes with what they have learned about their topic, and about how this topic is portrayed in the media. Did reading the empirical articles reveal any insights into the nature and challenges of writing about developmental science for lay-people (the general population)? Does the student see ways in which media reporting on this topic could be improved? Did the media article suggest ways in which empirical research could be improved, for example, by addressing different questions, or addresings questions in different ways?

STYLE POINTS (5 points):

Organized well. Overall clarity of writing is good. Presence of flow and coherence across sections of paper. Correct APA-style used for citations within the paper, and for references provided for the empirical articles, media article, and any other materials used (separate page).

SCORE: /50

**INTRODUCTION (5 points)**

[1] Identify focal topic for the paper

[2] Why this is important

[1] Propose a question or hypothesis about the media article’s claim

[1] Define the goal of the paper

**CONTENT FROM MEDIA ARTICLE (10 points)**

[2] Summary of the media article approach to the chosen topic

[2] Contextualize the article’s claims: was it fairly general or very specific statement? Does it apply to all cases? Etc.

[2] Did the article describe evidence supporting its claim?

[2] Did the media article provide recommendations or state the importance of its claim?

[2] Student’s opinion about the article

**CONTENT FROM EMPIRICAL ARTICLE (10 points)**

[1] Presents the key facts pertaining to the focal topic.

[1] Clear focus on the parts relevant to evaluate the media article’s claim and their hypothesis about the claim.

[2] What were their hypotheses?

[1] How did they examine their hypotheses?

[2] What were their results?

[2] What do their findings mean? Or what are the implications for the student’s understanding?

[1] Were there gaps in their arguments?

**INTEGRATION AND CONCLUSION (10 points)**

[3] Were the articles consistent with one another? Does one article address gaps in the other?

[3] What the student concludes about their focal topic, based on the empirical evidence

[4] Compare the conclusions from the empirical articles to the media article. How accurate was the media article?

**STYLE POINTS (5 points)**:

[1] Well organized

[1] Clearly written

[1] Coherence across sections

[1] Correct APA in-text

[1] Correct APA bibliography