**(General APA Formatting) (10)**

1. Headers correctly named (Method, Participants, Procedure or Materials and Procedure, Results, Discussion)
2. Headers are bolded and sentences start on next line. No extra line between a sentence finishing and the new section header
3. Method, Results, Discussion headers are centered. Participants and Materials/Procedure headers are left-justified.
4. Start of new paragraph is indented.
5. Double-spaced and Times New Roman size 12, black font throughout

**Introduction (5)**

1. Clearly explain the research question
2. Clearly explain the hypothesis

**Method (50 total)**

**Participants (25 pts)**

1. Total number of participants correctly stated
2. Any constant descriptive information about participants is provided (e.g., Research Methods students)
3. Correct gender breakdown provided in percentages, ordered greatest to smallest
4. Correct race/ethnicity breakdown provided in percentages, in a logical order
5. Reason for participation is specified
6. Descriptive information is provided in coherent, grammatical sentences

**(Materials and) Procedure (25 pts)**

1. Explained the origin of the study materials, in this case, they were created by the researcher
2. Described any study manipulations
   1. Described all the different conditions/groups in detail and how they differed [what are small anchors, what are large anchors? How did they appear?]
   2. Described how participants were assigned to those conditions/groups (i.e., randomly assigned)
3. Described the questions relevant to the hypothesis (the dependent variables).
   1. Described whether responses were closed-ended or open-ended, explained the number of estimates made (with examples of items)
4. Described, briefly but with enough detail, other questions participants had to answer that were completely unrelated
5. Described demographic questionnaire
6. Accurately described the ordering of the various questions

**Results (30)**

1. Results were stated in grammatical, coherent sentences
2. Accurately named the analyses that were conducted, in appropriate detail (one-tailed tests need to specify they are one-tailed; no specification means you ran a two-tailed test)
3. Used understandable labels to the conditions/groups that were being compared, consistent with label used throughout paper
4. Provided descriptive information about the conditions/groups, in correct APA formatting
   1. M and SD are italicized, but nothing else. A space before and after the equal sign, and a comma between the mean and the standard deviation.
5. Provided results of the inferential analyses, in correct APA formatting
   1. Provided inferential statistic value with degrees of freedom in parenthesis, provided p-value to three decimal places, provided effect size. Space before and after the equal sign, statistic letter is italicized (*t*, *F*, etc)
6. Results were stated accurately in regards to whether there was or was not a significant difference and which group was greater/less than the other.

**Discussion (5)**

1. Restated the main goals/questions of the current study
2. Correctly interpreted the results in regards to whether they supported or failed to support the hypothesis.
3. Avoided inappropriate language: Avoid words like “proven,” “true,” “false” “right,” “wrong.”
4. Used appropriate language like, “supported,” “did not support,” “results were consistent with” etc.