Scientific Ability		0 Missing	1 Inadequate	2 Needs Improvement	3 Adequate
1	Is able to identify the problem to be solved and define the objectives of the experiment.	No mention is made of the problem to be solved.	An attempt is made to identify the problem to be solved but it is described in a confusing manner, objectives are not relevant , objectives contain technical/ conceptual errors or objectives are not measurable.	The problem to be solved is described but there are minor omissions or vague details. Objectives are conceptually correct and measurable but may be incomplete in scope or have linguistic errors.	The problem to be solved is clearly stated. Objectives are complete, specific, concise, and measurable. They are written using correct technical terminology and are free from linguistic errors.
2	Is able to design a reliable experiment that solves the problem.	The experiment does not solve the problem.	The experiment attempts to solve the problem but due to the nature of the design the data will not lead to a reliable solution.	The experiment attempts to solve the problem but due to the nature of the design there is a moderate chance the data will not lead to a reliable solution.	The experiment solves the problem and has a high likelihood of producing data that will lead to a reliable solution.
3	Is able to record and represent dat a in a meaningful way.	Data are either absent or incomprehensible.	Some important data are absent or incomprehensible.	All important data are present , but recorded in a way that requires some effort to comprehend.	All important data are present , organized, and recorded clearly.
4	Is able to make a judgment about t he results of the experiment.	No discussion is presented about the results of the experiment .	A judgment is made about the results, but it is not reasonable or coherent.	An acceptable judgment is made about the result, but the reasoning is flawed or incomplete.	An acceptable judgment is made about the result, with clear reasoning. The effect s of assumptions and experimental uncertainties are considered.
5	Is able to communicate the details of an experimental procedure clearly and completely.	Diagrams are missing and/or experimental procedure is missing or extremely vague.	Diagrams are present but unclear and/or experimental procedure is present but important details are missing.	Diagrams and/or experimental procedure are present but with minor omissions or vague details.	Diagrams and/or experimental procedure are clear and complete.