

Research Report Resit: Additional guidance

It is expected that you are using the Psychology Report Writing Document for guidance on every section that is required to be included, as well as the content required within each section of a psychology research report. The information below is additional and relates specifically to the resit assessment question for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Introduction:

This question is asking you to explore differences in anxiety levels between males and females, therefore the literature you source and include in this section should be relevant to this topic. One journal article has been provided for you on Moodle to start you off with your literature search. The literature you choose to include overall should give an indication of what previous research suggests regarding the differences in anxiety between males and females, and you should end this section with a clear and justified hypothesis – what do you expect to find based upon the literature you have included?

Method: do not forget that this section must be written in the past tense.

NB: an additional document has been provided that contains more specific information related to each section of the method – this is on Moodle.

NB2: this should be PARAPHRASED and written in your own words and in full sentences – you must not plagiarise this content and copy verbatim!

Participants: data has been provided for you to allow you to complete this section. How many participants in total? How many were male and how many female? What was the age range? Mean ages must also be included (these have been provided for you).

Design: What was the design – between-subjects (independent groups) or within-subjects (over time/across conditions)? What was the independent variable? How was this categorised? What was the dependent variable and how was this scored?

Materials: The questionnaire that has been used to collect data for this study has been provided (the Beck Anxiety Inventory). When writing this section you need to include as much detail as you can. A document that demonstrates how a full materials section for a questionnaire should look is also available here.

Procedure: consent → demographic information requested (gender, age) → Beck Anxiety Inventory → debrief → thanks for participation.

Results:

Data has been provided within an Excel and is available on Moodle.

In this section you should relay what has been found overall from the results and what this may indicate in regards to differences in anxiety between males and females. You have been provided with the mean (average) anxiety scores for males and females – are these relatively similar or markedly different? You have also been provided with the cut-offs as

suggested by the scoring information within the Beck Anxiety Inventory regarding level of anxiety. You could report the difference in, for example, how many males report concerning levels of anxiety compared to females? Again, is there a great difference between any of the findings here? Finally end with a statement related to your hypothesis (what you expected to find) – did you find what you expected to (and therefore support the hypothesis) or not?

Discussion:

Reiterate the main findings. How do these findings relate to previous research findings (the literature/references you have included in your introduction to this report?) Why do you think the findings were as they were? What other factors could be discussed in relation to this topic? Are there any areas that could be expanded upon for future research? Discuss, critique and support your claims with literature to make this section stronger.