

PSYCHOLOGY - RUBRIC FOR EVALUATION OF WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

A minimum score of "15" is required to receive a passing score.

Dimension	Excellent (4-5 points)	Competent (2-3 pts)	Needs work (0-1 pt)	Comments
<p>WRITING QUALITY/ FORMATTING 20%</p> <p>_____</p>	Well-organized paragraphs & good topic sentences. Paragraphs logically ordered, with good transitions between paragraphs and topics. Sentences clear and understandable. Minimal typos. Correct format. Followed instructions.	Some paragraphs contain a mix of different topics. Paragraphs not always related to prior or following paragraphs, or transitions between paragraphs poor. Several sentences somewhat understandable. Moderate typos, some format instructions not followed.	Many paragraphs contain a mix of different topics, descriptions of single topics scattered throughout paragraphs. Paragraphs have no logical order. Sentences are unintelligible. Many typos. Little attention to required format and instructions.	
<p>COMPREHENSIVENESS /BREADTH - 20%</p> <p>_____</p>	Excellent breadth of knowledge represented. Comprehensive and complete discussion of relevant theoretical and empirical literature.	Only moderate breadth and coverage of relevant theoretical and empirical literature. Some gaps and/or little breadth in discussion	Unaware or confused about relevant theoretical and empirical literature. Significant gaps and shallow in coverage of topic.	
<p>INTEGRATION/ SYNTHESIS/ SCHOLARLY DEPTH - 20%</p> <p>_____</p>	Scholarly and creative integration of the literature displayed. Synthesis of contrasting and complementary ideas displayed.	Moderate synthesis and integration with some text appearing as isolated findings.	Very little integration/synthesis across studies and theories. Piecemeal discussion.	
<p>ACCURACY/ TIMELINESS - 20%</p> <p>_____</p>	Interpretation is correctly placed in the context of current research. Statements are true, correct, and represent the current state of knowledge in field.	Interpretation is somewhat placed in the context of current research. Several statements not accurate, true, or fully correct,. Only moderately consistent with current state of knowledge in field.	Interpretation is not placed in the context of current research. Many statements not accurate, true, or correct,. Much is not consistent with current state of knowledge in field.	
<p>COMPLETENESS 20%</p> <p>_____</p>	All components of the question were answered completely and thoroughly	Most parts were answered but some were only marginally answered	One or more meaningful components of the question remains unanswered	

Score: _____ out of 25

DATE _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

COMMITTEE MEMBER NAME: _____

COMPS QUESTION: _____