

**IB PSYCHOLOGY**  
(Fall Final Exam)

Your Final Exam for this semester will focus on your Internal Assessment by completing the first two parts of the IA (Introduction and Method). IB Diploma/Certificate candidates are required to write the IA individually and not with other students (they are only permitted to share data and statistical analysis). All other students may write the IA individually **or** as a group.

**TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED REPORT** due no later than \_\_\_\_\_  
and must include the following (in order) using the headings below; be sure to number each page.

**FOR HL CANDIDATES:**

5 points      A cover sheet with title, student name and IB candidate number (if applicable), subject and level of course (HL), date and number of words (1500-2000)

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

5 points      Abstract, Introduction, Method (Design, Participants, Procedure), Descriptive Results, Inferential Results, Discussion, References, Appendices

**ABSTRACT**

5 points      A (blank) page labeled “Abstract”

**INTRODUCTION**

5 points      State the aim of the study- a statement about what is being investigated and what is expected

10 points      Write a summary/explanation of the key theories from 3 research studies. **The studies should be made relevant to your research hypothesis and justify the prediction made in the experimental hypothesis.**

10 points      State the experimental/research hypothesis mathematically and operationalized (a clear and concise prediction of what is expected to be demonstrated in the experiment and how the variables will be quantified)

5 points      State the null hypothesis- mathematically and operationalized (no significant difference is expected to be found on the measure of the dependent variable and that any difference found is due to chance)

**METHOD: DESIGN**

5 points      Accurately identify and operationalize the independent and dependent variables

10 points      Describe the experimental design (independent samples, repeated measures etc), your allocation procedures and **justify** how the design is appropriate to the aim of the research

5 points      Indicate how ethical guidelines will be followed and documented (including **informed** consent)

## METHOD: PARTICIPANTS

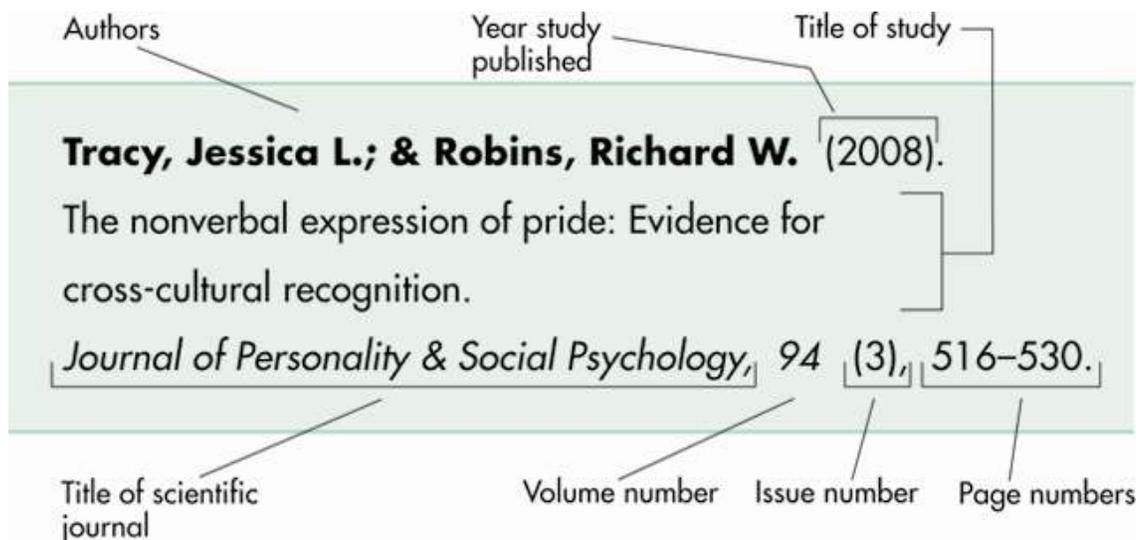
- 5 points Identify relevant characteristics your target population (age, ethnicity etc)
- 5 points State the number of participants you expect to use (15 – 40) and how you will obtain your sample- if it is not to be done randomly, justify why not

## METHOD: PROCEDURES

- 10 points Write a careful and accurate description of how you (plan to) carry-out your experiment. (Use a chronological order beginning with how materials were developed so that another researcher could replicate the experiment.)
- 5 points Include a list all materials specifically developed for use in the experiment (standardized instructions, informed consent, memory tests, word lists, debriefing notes etc) and reference sample copies to appendices

## REFERENCES

- 5 points Write a (complete) set of alphabetized references to the works cited in the study using the APA citation method below:



## APPENDICES

- 5 points Appropriately label each appendix with all materials necessary to allow for the experiment to be replicated. (Eventually, this section will include your data and statistic analyses as well.)

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## FOR SL CANDIDATES:

5 points A cover sheet with title, student name and IB candidate number (if applicable), subject and level of course (SL), date and number of words (1000-1500)

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

5 points Abstract, Introduction, Method (Design, Participants, Procedure), Descriptive Results, Discussion, References, Appendices

### ABSTRACT

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### INTRODUCTION

10 points State the aim of the study to be replicated- a statement about what is being investigated and what is expected

10 points Identify the study to be replicated and explain relevant details of the study

### METHOD: DESIGN

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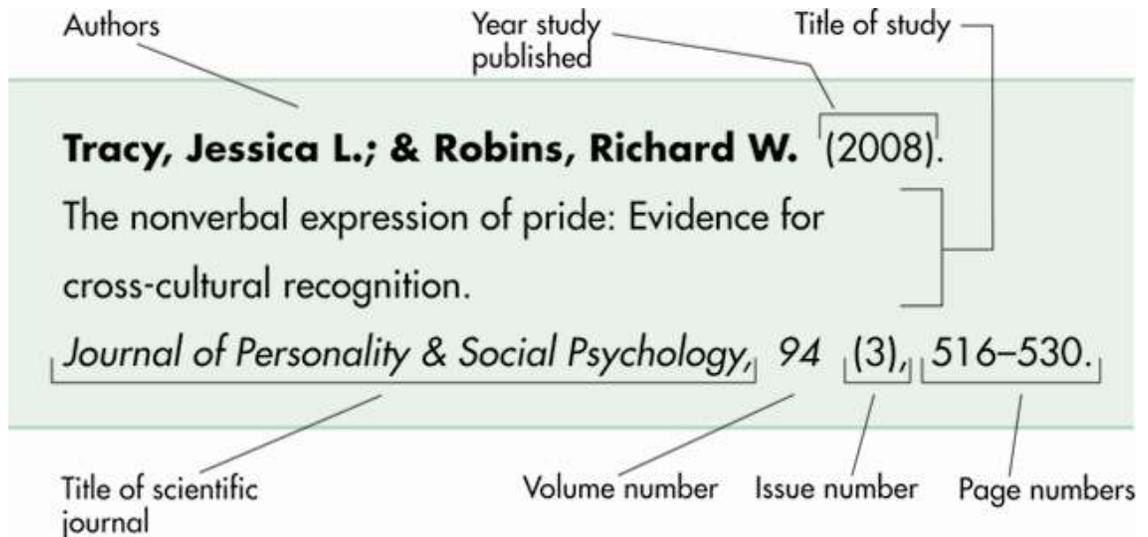
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