Criteria for Grading the Research Appraisal Tools

Criteria	A: Excellent	B: Good	C: Meets minimal expectations	D to F: Falls below expectations; may be unacceptable	Grade
Content Responses to questions on the Appraisal Tool [20 points]	All questions on Appraisal Tool are answered in a manner that indicates comprehension of the research.	Most questions on Appraisal Tool are answered in a manner that indicates comprehension of the research.	Some questions on Appraisal Tool are answered in a manner that indicates comprehension of the research.	 Answers to questions on Appraisal Tool are sketchy. Answers on Appraisal Tool indicate poor comprehension of the research. 	
Conventions Adherence to grammar rules: usage, mechanics [20 points)	All sentences are well-constructed with virtually no errors in grammar or spelling. All research terms are used accurately.	Most sentences are well- constructed with virtually no errors in grammar or spelling. Most research terms are used accurately.	Some sentences are well- constructed with virtually no errors in grammar or spelling. Some research terms are used accurately.	Sentences are poorly constructed with repeated misuse of research terms.	
Use of APA Format Appropriate acknowledgment of sources used in research [10 points]	Entire assignment is laid out with no errors in APA format.	Assignment is laid out with one error in APA format.	Assignment is laid out with two errors in APA format.	Assignment is laid out with multiple errors in APA format.	
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