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Psychological Testing Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric



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Psychologists' tests are designed to aid psychologists in distinguishing behaviors. There are many types, and administering psychological tests involves many practical and ethical considerations. Understanding the complexity of psychological testing, along with the multitude of testing options available in this aspect of psychology.

Prompt

After reading *Foundations of Psychological Testing* Chapters 1 and 2, [The Mismeasure of Man](#), and the [APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists](#), explain how psychological tests differ and all the practical and ethical factors associated with them.

In your short paper, the following critical elements must be addressed:

- How do **psychological tests** differ; what are the different types?
- How are they **used**, in what settings are they used, and by whom are they used?
- What are **limitations** of tests? How might testing be **misused**?
- What are the **legal and ethical issues** related to testing?

What to Submit

Papers should follow these formatting guidelines: one to two pages in length, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins.

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Criteria	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)
Psychological Tests	Meets "Proficient" criteria and supports explanation with clear and relevant examples using scholarly research when appropriate to support how psychological tests differ	Clearly articulates how types of psychological tests differ and explains the different types	Articulates how types of psychological tests differ, but response is illogical or overlooks key psychological test types and differences

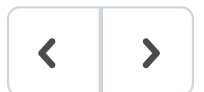
Used	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports explanation with clear and relevant examples about how, when, and by whom psychological tests are used	Clearly describes how, when, and by whom psychological tests are used	Describes how, when, and by whom psychological tests are used, but response is illogical or overlooks key components or facets to how psychological tests are used
Limitations/ Misused	Meets “Proficient” criteria and draws insightful conclusions regarding limitations and potential misuse that are fully defended with evidence and examples	Draws informed conclusions regarding limitations and potential misuse of psychological testing	Addresses limitations and potential misuse of psychological testing, but response is illogical or overlooks key limitations and potential for misuse
Legal and Ethical Issues	Meets “Proficient” criteria and provides clear and relevant examples to support connection between APA ethical principles and psychological testing	Clearly relates APA ethical principles to issues connected to psychological testing	Relates APA ethical principles to issues connected to psychological testing, but response is illogical or overlooks key facets of APA ethical code
Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas

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