Psy 117 Paper Details

Assignment (from syllabus): You will prepare to hand in at the last class meeting of the semester (*beginning* of class meeting on Thursday, December 9) a short paper in which you report the results of a simple set of statistical analyses. In order to complete the paper successfully, you will have to run the analyses using data provided for you. You will then report the findings in a results section typical of those in professional journal articles published by psychological scientists. Your paper will need to be formatted in APA style. You will be expected to include at least one table and one figure, and include the output of your SPSS runs in an appendix. Your grade on the paper will contribute 20% to your grade for the course.

General information:

- title page
- no abstract
- begin with method section (2-3 pages)
- include paragraph at end of method section stating hypotheses and describing analysis strategy as it relates to hypotheses
- report results of at least one analysis set from this list:
    - one-way ANOVA with 3 or more levels followed by comparisons
    - two-way ANOVA with a predicted and tested interaction effect
    - correlation followed by regression
    - frequency/contingency table analyses coupled with *t*-test/ANOVA or correlation
- detailed results section (2-3 pages plus table and figure—table and figure should not display the same information)
- one paragraph conclusion section
- references for any citations
- must be in APA format (including placement and format of tables, figures, and appendix)

Grading rubric (100 points total):

____ 0-10 pts: general APA format (e.g., margins, spacing, font, header, headings, citations, etc.)
____ 0-10 pts: mechanical aspects of writing (e.g., spelling, typos, correct grammar, etc.)
____ 0-15 pts: method section complete (including statement of hypotheses & analytic strategy)
____ 0-25 pts: analyses correctly executed
____ 0-25 pts: analyses correctly described and reported in text
____ 0-5 pts: table properly structured, placed, and formatted
____ 0-5 pts: figure properly structured, placed, and formatted
____ 0-5 pts: full computer output in properly placed appendix
____ subtotal
____ 0-3 discretionary points to reward exceptional work

____ TOTAL