

Paper 1: Grade Sheet

Name: _____

Score _____ / 40

Format: At least 4 pages double-spaced, APA format. Citations are not required, but they could make me look upon your paper more favorably. **Hand this grade sheet in with a hardcopy of your first paper by March 16th.**

Introduction (___/10)

Is your motivation/thesis for this study laid out clearly?

Do you discuss the relevance of this analysis to your field/general topic?

Is your introduction readable and interesting? (Yeah, that's right...)

Data description (___/10)

Do you have at least 3 variables?

Do you describe the source of your data?

Do you do any transformations, or make any composite variables (optional)?

Are the data suitable for your question?

Analysis (___/15)

Do you do at least 3 tests (t, on means or coefficients, F for a model, etc.)? (Here, "test" can mean interpreting the significance of a coefficient in a model, etc.)

Do analyses make sense in the context of your research question?

Do you consider possible controls in explaining your outcome variable (this may necessitate multiple regression in many cases)?

Are the data reported appropriately, in manuscript style?

Do you provide enough detail in your results (e.g., to support your hypotheses or expectations presented in your introduction)?

Conclusion (___/5)

Do you conclude with some general notes about your findings?

Are they clear, and do they point to any flaws, future directions, etc.?