

### **Criteria for Research Reports – Second Draft**

In this assignment, students are asked to revise their first drafts of the research report and update any relevant sections based on the feedback provided by their supervisors. They are also expected to draw out the implications of their work and argue the significance of their themes. For this draft, we also pay attention to **plagiarism**. Please keep in mind that we have no tolerance towards plagiarism and those who are identified to have committed this crime should receive **zero** from this assignment.

The second drafts are to be evaluated **out of 15%**.

1. Incorporation of Feedback (5%)
  - a. Is the introduction section written/updated according to the criteria and feedback given based on the first draft?
  - b. Is the literature review section written/updated according to the criteria and feedback given based on the first draft?
  - c. Is the methodology section written/updated according to the criteria and feedback given based on the first draft?
  
2. Content (5%)
  - a. Has the student drawn out the implications of his/her work?
  - b. Has the student argued the significance of his/her themes?
  - c. Has the student analysed his/her themes to work out what they really mean and how they support (or do not support) his/her hypotheses?
  - d. Has the student made the link between the theoretical framework he/she is using and the analysis he/she is conducting clear?
  - e. Has the student summarised the main points of his/her themes?
  - f. Has the student compared the significance of his/her themes with the themes of previous researchers?
  - g. Has the student come up with a unique perspective to analyse the themes?
  - h. Has the student adequately described the methods of analysis followed in reaching the results?
  - i. Has the student presented initial findings of his/her analysis?
  
3. Referencing & Style (2%)
  - a. Were the references updated based on the feedback given to the first draft?
  - b. Was the style updated based on the feedback given to the first draft?
  - c. Are the references properly cited according to the APA style?
  - d. Has the student followed APA style academic research paper template when formatting the paper?
  
4. Language (2%)
  - a. Has the student used academic language as described in APA style's publication manual?
  - b. Has the student used correct grammatical structures?
  - c. Has the student used a variety of vocabulary items relevant to the focus of the study?
  - d. Are there issues related to spelling, punctuation and capitalisation?
  
5. Organisation (1%)
  - a. Has the student used sub-sections where appropriate/needed?
  - b. Does the report have coherence? Do ideas follow one another?
  - c. Is the report cohesive?
  - d. Are paragraphs used appropriately?