Lab Report Rubric

Category	0	1	2	3	4
Abstract gives a clear	Not	Synopsis is not clear or	Gives a clear synopsis of		
synopsis of the lab	present	some elements of the	the lab purpose,		
		abstract are missing	hypothesis, experimental		
			approach, and conclusion		
The purpose of the lab is	Not	The question is identified,	The question is clearly		
stated	present	but in a somewhat unclear	identified and stated		
		manner			
Thoroughly answers the	Not	Shows an inaccurate	Shows a limited	Shows an accurate	Shows a thorough and
relevant questions put forth	present	understanding of the	understanding of the	understanding of most	accurate understanding of
in the lab handout		questions and concepts in	questions and concepts in	questions and concepts in	all questions and concepts
		the lab handout	the lab handout	the lab handout	in the lab handout
Research references used to	Not	In-text citations are	In-text citations are		
prepare lab are properly	present	present, but either in	present, used correctly,		
cited and trustworthy		incorrect format or not for	and in correct format		
		all cases			
Presents easy-to-follow	Not	Procedure is unclear and	Procedure is unclear or	Procedure is presented	
steps which are logical and	present	incomplete	incomplete	clearly and with enough	
adequately detailed				detail	
Data table is complete and	Not	Data are not shown OR	Accurate representation of	Accurate representation of	Accurate and appropriate
accurate	present	are inaccurate.	the data in written form,	the data in tables and/or	representation of the data
			but graphs or tables are	graphs. Graphs/tables	in tables and/or graphs.
			presented.	and/or titles are not	Graphs and tables are
				entirely appropriate	labeled and titled.
				labeled and titled.	
States a conclusion based	Not	Conclusion is stated in an	Conclusion is clearly		
on the purpose (present	unclear manner or is	stated and relates to the		
		unrelated to the purpose	purpose		

The data is analyzed in a appropriate way and is related to the hypothesis and purpose	Not present	The relationship between the variables is not discussed	The relationship between the variables is discussed, but no connection is made to the conclusion	The relationship between the variables is discussed and the link between the data and the conclusion is stated, but not explained OR the data and conclusion are explained, but the link between variables is missing	The relationship between the variables is discussed and the link between the data and conclusion is thoroughly discussed and explained
Identifies sources of error and explains their effects on results	Not present	Errors and their effects are stated in an unclear manner or show little effort and reflection	Errors and their effects are identified and clearly stated		
Presents suggestions on experiment improvement and further studies to be done	Not present	Further studies and improvements are stated in an unclear manner or show little effort and reflection	Further studies and improvements are identified and clearly stated		
Report is typed, double- spaced, no large than 12 font, and margins of 1"	Not present	Lab report only has some of these things	Lab report has all of these things		
Logically sequenced as laid out in the lab report; Lab report sections clearly distinct from each other	Not present	Lab report only uses headings sometimes and the sections are not clearly distinct from each other	Lab report uses clear headings and subheadings to visually organize the material		
All grammar and spelling are correct	Not present	Grammar and spelling are mostly correct	Grammar and spelling are correct and the paper has clearly been proofread and edited		
Lab notes are attached and provide a thorough record of the lab process	Not present	Lab notes are attached but do not provide a thorough record of the lab process	Lab notes are attached and provide a thorough record of the lab process		
Lab report is stapled and scoresheet (self evaluation) is completed and attached	Not Stapled or scoresheet not done	Lab report is stapled and scoresheet (self evaluation) is completed and attached			