**Psychology Marking Criteria: Practical Reports**

**First (1st)**

A first class practical report will include the following features:

* clear statement of research questions/hypotheses to be addressed.
* clear description of methods (using the criterion of replicability)
* accurate and concise conclusions, linked closely to the research questions/hypotheses.

**Upper Second (2:1)**

The majority of the features of a first class report are present. At the lower end of the category, a few minor errors in the reporting of methodology, analysis or conclusions may be present.

**Lower Second (2.2)**

One or two of the features of a first class report are present. However, there may be some errors and/or more major omissions in the description of methodology, analysis or conclusions.

**Third (3rd)**

None of the features of a first class report is present. In addition, several of the following problems are present:

* major omissions or inaccuracies in the report of methodology.
* little or no demonstration of understanding of the rationale for the design.
* inaccurate reporting of results of analysis.
* little or no demonstration of the understanding of the meaning of the data analysis.
* use of inappropriate analytical techniques.
* misinterpretation of findings.
* background material and/or research questions lack relevance to the study. little discussion of results beyond a re-statement of the main findings.

**Fail (F)**

The report shows insufficient evidence of understanding of methodology, analysis and the meaning of the study’s results. This is indicated by the presence of most or all of the problems listed above.