**PSY 221**

**ASSIGNMENT-I INSTRUCTIONS**

**Due: 18/10/2017, class hour**

To complete this assignment, you should form groups of two and submit one copy of assignment per group. If you have difficulty finding a partner, contact me so that I can pair you up.

After the deadline, you will lose 10 points (over 100) for each day you are late.

**Instructions:**

**Find one empirical article cited in Chapter 2 of the Berk textbook and review it according to the following guidelines.** Submit a photocopy of the relevant Berk textbook page where you found the citation referring to your article and highlight it.

Do not select a review article. Your article must be a peer-reviewed empirical study. Select an article that you find interesting and can summarize. It should also have a clear method section so that you can understand what the authors did. Papers with a single study are usually easier to summarize. **Use your own words** and do not copy-paste any information from the article. Your review paper must be brief, and should not exceed 3 pages.

**Outline and guidelines:**

1. Begin your essay with a briefintroductory paragraph that describes what the article is about (10 points).

2. Write a second paragraph that describes what the researchers did. You can find this information in the method section and/or "the current study" section of the article.

Clearly state the research method and the research design (25 pts).

3. Write a third paragraph that describes what the researchers found. What are the critical findings that make the paper important and interesting? You can find this information in the results and discussion sections of the article. Do not give statistical findings; summarize important findings by using your own words (25 pts).

4. End your essay with a clear concluding paragraph that describes your own point of view. You might relate the article to the lecture materials or you might highlight some aspect of the article or you might criticize it (20 pts).

5. General quality of the paper (15 pts.). You should write an original essay by using your own words, and what you write should make sense. Proofread your work before submission and avoid grammatical errors. Do not use psychology jargon and cite any idea/information that does not belong to you.

6. Your paper should be written in APA format, (double-spaced, 12 pt., times new roman), and should have a cover page with a title and your names on it. Put an APA-format reference list at the end of your paper on a separate page (5 pts).

**Additional information:**

Provide a reference to the research article in the references section of your paper. You may use another article or your textbook; but it is not obligatory. If you do, provide a reference in the references section.

**Do not forget to state the textbook page inwhich the article is cited.**

You are suggested to attach one copy the research article with your assignment.