Test Critique Paper

Step 1: Finding lists of tests so you can select a test to critique for your paper.

NOTE: Step 1 can be time-consuming and confusing for the first timer. I suggest you select a test that is commonly in use so that step 2, locating a review (critique) of the test, is easier. . If you select a test that is not commonly used, there may not be many articles and/or books about the test so you will have difficulty finding references for your paper.

A short cut to finding a test to critique is to use one of the tests we cover in class, one from your textbook, or use the list of 15 most frequently used tests in the US. I have posted a link to this list on the class web site.

Step 2: Locate articles that review your test. Good resources for these articles are the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* and *Test Critiques*. Both of these are multiple volume resources that contain reviews of tests. To find an article reviewing your test, you need to locate the volume that contains the article. Refer to the handout I gave you in class, *Sources of Information about Tests* to assist in your search.

Step 3: Find at least 3 resources that discuss your test. A resource can be a book or a review from the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* or *Test Critiques.* Make sure you save information concerning the resource as you will need to list it in the reference section of your paper.

Step 4: Use the list of questions below to write your paper. Each section of the paper should be numbered and titled with the question you are answering. For example, section 1 of your paper would be labeled just like question 1 below. Your paper should be typed, proofed, and 4-5 pages in length; don't forget to include a reference section.

1. What test did you select and why did this test interest you?
2. What is the purpose of the test, in other words, what is it intended to measure?
3. Who would benefit from using this test?
4. How is the test administered?
5. Is the test based on a theory? If so, briefly describe the theory? If it is not based on a theory, you may state this but then explain how this test was developed (e.g., factor analytically derived or criterion keyed inventory).
6. Does the test have adequate reliability according to reviewers who have critiqued this instrument?
7. Does the test have adequate validity according to reviewers who have critiqued this instrument?
8. What are the other pros and cons of this test according to the reviewers and in your opinion?
9. A summary to include some of the following possible topics: Would you use this test and if so, in what context? Do you think it is appropriate for general or specific use? Is the test practical to use given its length, cost, scoring protocol, etc.?