

Lab Format Checklist (V2.20bg)

A. General

1. Your own work _____
2. Complete _____
3. Clear and appropriate "Purpose" _____
4. Flows _____
5. Did not require help on or after due date _____
6. Good grammar _____
7. Correct spelling _____
8. Complete sentences where required _____
9. Legible _____
10. Professionally presented _____
11. Properly identified (eg. name, partner) _____
12. On time _____
13. Checklist included _____
14. Template included _____

B. Data (For data not in Tables)

1. Your own data _____
2. Values recorded with uncertainties _____
3. Sufficient data _____
4. Reasonable values _____
5. Reasonable uncertainties _____
6. Correct number of significant figures _____
7. Units recorded _____

C. Data in Tables

1. Neat _____
2. Column headings informative _____
3. Units given _____
4. Uncertainties given _____
5. Label _____
6. Number given (eg. "Table #2") _____

D. Least Squares Fits

1. Points used for fit clearly identified _____
2. Results given meaningful names _____
3. Correct units for slope and intercept _____
4. Correct indication of “large” or “small”
scatter _____

E. Graphs

1. Title meaningful _____
2. Correct graph type and orientation _____
3. Plotting data in table _____
4. Axis labels meaningful _____
5. Correct axis units _____
6. Points not connected _____
7. Error bars in both dimensions or note if
too small _____
8. Error bars correct size _____
9. Line of best fit shown without markers _____
10. Number given (eg. ”Graph #3) _____

F. Calculations and Results

1. Any required derivations done correctly _____
2. Analysis explained where needed _____
3. Correct formulas used _____
4. Sample calculations shown where needed _____
5. All required values calculated _____
6. Uncertainties included _____
7. Units included _____
8. Correct number of significant figures _____
9. Appropriate use of standard form _____
10. Theoretical or reasonable value _____
11. Agreement of experiment with theory _____
12. Questions reasonably answered _____

G. *Error Discussion*

1. *Sources listed are significant* _____
2. *Sources are prioritized* _____
3. *Correct explanations of consequences of systematic errors* _____
4. *Evidence: ie test where possible or bound where can't test* _____
5. *Reasonable suggestions for improvement* _____

H. *Conclusions*

1. *Relate to purpose* _____
2. *Major results stated* _____
3. *Comparisons made where appropriate* _____
4. *Agreement noted when found* _____
5. *Percent difference calculated only when quantities don't agree* _____

I. *References*

1. *Source(s) of constants listed* _____

J. *Methods*

1. *All steps clearly described* _____
2. *Paragraph format* _____
3. *Past tense* _____

K. *Introduction*

1. *Rationale for research given* _____
2. *Historical/experimental context given* _____
3. *Good references* _____