Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Observation. The study is designed to learn more about your child’s observation skills. It is being conducted by Usman Liaquat who is the principal investigator, as part of his MA Thesis. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. James S. Uleman, The Department of Psychology, New York University.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to view a brief video clip as well as pictures of other people coupled with information about them. Your child will then take a test on what he or she was presented. Participation will take about half an hour, and will earn 0.5 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how we observe others.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect grades or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions they prefer not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by using only random codes to identify participants, and saving the data on password protected computers. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by deleting all electronic copies of the data collected and shredding any paper records.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Usman Liaquat, at 917-963-5365, UL243@NYU.EDU, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. James S. Uleman, at 212-998-7821, JIM.UNELEMAN@NYU.EDU, 6 WASHINGTON PLACE, NYU. For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

Parent’s Signature ______________________ Date ______________________