FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

1st SEMESTER 2019

ASSESSMENT 1

FOR
OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

OLM 612S
Dear Students

Before we start with these feedback sessions, let me first thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make time for your assignments. I would encourage each and every one of you to always make that time to ensure timely submissions of your assignments.

As I took time to mark each and every single assignment, I have observed the following:

1. GENERAL COMMENTS

Guidelines to Answering an Assignment

- As a Distance student, Assignments make up a very important component towards your CA contribution, and it's advisable to read the instructions and understand them before attempting...
your assignment, unfortunately some of the students still failed to adhere to instructions such as:

- Sources must be listed according to the APA or Harvard referencing style, unless otherwise prescribed by the department.
- All assignments should be typed
- Font Style to be used is Calibri or Times New Roman font size 11, line spacing 1.5

**Explanation of various instructions**

**APA referencing**
Any Academic institute requires a student to reference their work in order to show originality of work or otherwise acknowledge the sources where the work has been obtained from, failure to reference your work constitute plagiarism which is a very serious offence. I however picked up that many of the students either failed to reference their work and for those who at least referenced their work, few failed to reference according to the APA format, I therefore urge each and every student to familiarise themselves with APA referencing 6th edition( please note I will penalise all un referenced work)

**All Assignments should be typed**
Let me first thank all the students who took time to type their assignments, we encourage students to type assignments as it makes it easier for the marker to make out what you are trying to communicate, few students however handed in assignments that were hand written of which I believe won’t happen again.

Please keep the following in mind:
- Always use font’s style: Calibri or times New Roman, font size 11
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Always start every question on a new heading
- It’s advisable to bold headings and Questions

**Academic writing**
I picked up that most students still need to master the art of academic writing, I therefore urge each and every one of you to develop those skills, it will also help you during your post graduate studies.
2. COMMENTS ON OVERALL ASSIGNMENT

Well I have to say many students performed well in the first assignment but each and every one of you have immense potential to improve and score better marks in the coming assignments

**Question 1**

It’s often believe that before students can master any course/module, they must first familiarise themselves with key concepts of that particular module/subject.

The purpose of this question was to test the students understanding of concepts, many students however seem to have copied and pasted, work wasn’t referenced, I however expected students to rephrase concepts according to their own understanding.

When defining a concept always remember the following:

1. Always start with the concept:

Example: According to___________ Operational logistics is defined as…….

In overall as a class you did well in answering this question
Question 2
For these particular question many students answered it correctly but students still fail to differentiate between strategic and tactical decisions for instance, I further wasn’t pleased with the examples, I encourage students to inculcate the habit of reading additional materials to get clarity on the subject matter, it seemed again many students copied and pasted because they failed to give practical examples, and the moment you fail to give a real world example as a student you simply don’t understand that particular topic

Question 3
Most of the students answered this question well, but as a student you should always look at the mark allocation per question, this will help as a guide as to how much quantity /weight your answer should be. It was expected of you to write in detail and marks where allocated as per correctness and weightage in relation to the allocated marks

Question 4
I urge all students to read on Aggregate planning and MRP (Materials requirement’s planning) this units are well explained in any book on operations management, these question was poorly answered by many students.

Question 5
It seemed to me few students didn’t perhaps grasp the question well, but in overall the question was well answered.

Conclusion
As I stated earlier the on overall the class performed well, students just need to improve on the way assignments are presented and most importantly avoid plagiarism as well as having assignments done for you(these has hugely reflected in the low test 1 scores),I urge you to take your assignments seriously and attempt them on your own.

Kind Regards
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