FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2nd SEMESTER 2019

ASSIGNMENT 1

COMPETENCY –BASED ASSESSMENT B

CBA420S
ASSIGNMENT 01 – FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

Dear Students

Thank you for submitting your assignment on time, it was a pleasure marking it. In this assignment, you. As part of your assignment, you had to read the article entitled “Adoption of competency based education in TVET Institutions in Ghana: A case study of Mechanical Engineering Department, Accra Polytechnic” (Acakpovi and Nutasse, 2015) and answer the following questions:

a) Explain how the adoption of the new Competency-Based Education (CBE) has impacted the assessment strategies that were previously conducted at the Polytechnics? (10)

b) In your own opinion, explain how did the Competency-Based Educators have to adjust their training and assessment records in order to meet the needs of the new Competency-Based Education System in Ghana? (5)

c) How did the new Competency-Based Education system affect the training needs of TVET educators in Ghana? (10)

d) How did the lack of awareness about Competency-Based Education affect the adoption and implementation of the new education system at Polytechnics in Ghana? (5)

e) Briefly highlight the advantages and disadvantages of the newly adopted CBE system for the Ghana Polytechnics (10)

f) Briefly explain what lessons Namibia can learn from Ghana (or vice versa) with regard to Competency-Based Education and Training. (10)

Feedback pertaining to the assignment

From the objectives stated within your assignment, your argument had to be based on information retrieved from from the article read (supplied with the assignment) and other academic (from sources not older than 5 years) (this was optional) in addition to the course content (obtained from your study guide). You also had to support your argument by combining it with your thoughts and opinions (i.e. I wanted to see your own critical thinking and new knowledge creation skills here), something which very few students did. Individual comments were provided on the assessment rubric (online).

Additional feedback will be discussed within the upcoming August vacation school. Please come prepared with your presentations (Assignment 2).
General comments

Your essay had to include:
- A Table of Contents (automated)
- Introduction
- Objectives
- Deliberation
- A conclusion
- References

- Some students excluded the suggested points and merely copied and pasted information (sometimes without acknowledging their sources). Arguments were not backed-up with the student’s own thoughts, opinions and examples (where applicable).
- Sources were used in the deliberation and not acknowledged in-text and Plagiarism is still a serious concern. Some students have been penalized accordingly!
- Your marks awarded is a reflection of the effort that you have put in.
- Referencing is still a concern and some students still did not master the APA referencing style up to now! I suggest that you access the NUST APA reference guidelines as soon as possible please. Not only does this demonstrate poor academic writing skills, but it is also an indication that some students have remained ignorant to my advice provided in the previous feedback tutorials as well as the April 2019 vacation school where I have spoken about this extensively. At the same time, I would also like to acknowledge that there were some students who have improved their referencing skills, well done to those!

All the best of luck for your remaining assignments!

Kind regards

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