Feedback Tutorial Letter

English for Academic Purposes

(EAP511S)

Assignment 2
Dear EAP Students, below follows feedback on every question you had to answer for assignment 1. We hope that it will assist you in identifying and correcting your mistakes.

**Question 1: Research Writing**

1. Which word/words in the title capture the type of action being done?
   - **Assessing**

2. Which words in the title state the location limitations of this research.
   - **Southern Africa**

3. Was this an empirical or non-empirical study? Support yourself with evidence from the article.
   - **Empirical, we conducted interviews, made observations...**

4. Select a research area you are passionate about from the degree programme you are enrolled for. This question was marked at the lecturer’s discretion. If copied a zero was awarded because we expected very individual answers even though you may be studying the same course.

5. Research topics are much more specific compared to the general research area. The research area you provided in number 4 is thus too broad. Follow the guidelines in your guide and:
   a) Narrow down the research area you provided in number 4 and write down your research topic and make it more specific. Use your discretion (action word 1; key words/phrases of research subject 1; scope in terms of location or time 1)

*Useful tip! – When answering reading comprehension for research writing, our aim is to assess if you can read critically and apply what you have learned. For example, it’s not enough to know that a study was empirical cause you read it in the text – you MUST understand what it means and what constitutes an empirical study.*

See an example below for number 4 and 5:

4. **High failure rates of English learners in Namibia**
   
The area is too broad because you should ask yourself: which English learners? In the whole of Namibia? That is why we move on to number 5 to make it more specific...

5. **An investigation of the high failure rates among English Second Language learners in selected schools in Windhoek from 2015 – 2020.**
The above topic would then be marked as follows:


**Question 2: In-text Citations**  
**[2x5=10 Marks]**

**Select the correct usage of in-text citation for 2.1 – 2.5.**

2.1 “The digital divides have prompted student bodies such as the South African Students Congress (SASCO), the University of Malawi Students Union (UMSU) and the Zimbabwe National Students Union (ZINASU) to reject e-learning as the educational solution in Africa”  
a) (Mukeredzi, Kokutse & Dell, 2020, p. 26).  
b) (Mukeredzi, Kokutse and Dell, 2020, p. 26).  
c) Mukeredzi, Kokutse & Dell (2020).  

**Useful Tip!** If the citation is in brackets, separate the last two names with an ampersand “&”

2.2 Rather, we find it more appropriate to talk about ‘improvisations’, which refer to exploration, experimentation and knowledge creation to maintain effectiveness to cope with turbulent and uncertain times  
a) (Leybourne & Kennedy, 2015; Hitt, 2000).  
b) (Hitt, 2000; Leybourne & Kennedy, 2015).  

**Useful Tip!** Start with the earliest year to the latest.

2.3 According to  
“when successful improvisation goes beyond survival it can lead to innovation that enhances effectiveness and value creation by the improviser and by other actors” (p.203).  
a) (Leybourne & Kennedy, 2015)  
b) Leybourne and Kennedy (2015)  
c) (Leybourne & Kennedy, 2015)  
d) (Leybourne and Kennedy, 2015)  

**Useful Tip!** Do NOT separate the two names with an ampersand (&) but rather with **and** because they will be outside the brackets because it is in the middle of a sentence.
2.4 ________________________________ noted that “distance and virtual learning presents a new challenge to high-quality education as a social experience requiring routine human interaction” (p.286).

a) Béteille, Ding, Molina, Pushparatnam and Wilichowski (2020)
b) Béteille, Ding, Molina, Pushparatnam & Wilichowski (2020)
c) Béteille, Ding, Molina, Pushparatnam and Wilichowski (2020, p.286)
d) (Béteille, Ding, Molina, Pushparatnam and Wilichowski, 2020)

Useful Tip! This is similar to the example above – use and NOT &
Also, do not write the surnames – keep them as they are.

2.5 When you are citing an idea from Preston (1991) which you found cited in Meyer’s (1998) book, which in-text citation would you use?

a) (Preston, 1991)
b) (Meyer, 1998)

Useful Tip! Name the original work (Preston) in-text and the secondary source (Meyer) in the Reference.

Question 3: APA Referencing (7th edition) [2x5=10 Marks]
Compile an APA (American Psychological Association) reference list using the following information:

3.1 Authors: Lipsky M
Year: 1980
Title: Street level bureaucracy
Subtitle: Dilemmas of the individual in public services
Publisher: Russell Sage Foundation
Other: New York, pages 272

See formula below:
Surname, Initials. (Year). Title of work in italics and in sentence case: Subtitle if any in italics and in sentence case. Publisher.

Write an information report in which you discuss the Covid 19 (i) vaccination figures (ii) public response to vaccination and (iii) vaccination myths of a SADC country of your choice. Include at least 3 sources and the report must be signed and dated. Your report should be written in the following format:

Information report on Covid 19 vaccinations in Mozambique

1. Introduction

Detailed background information [Something about Covid and how it came about]

Purpose statement [Why you are writing the report] For example: The purpose of this report is to discuss information regarding the Covid 19 vaccinations in Mozambique.

Report overview/organisation of report [What will be in the report] For example: The focus of the report will be on vaccination figures, public response and vaccination myths)

Tip: – the allocated 3 marks should guide you NOT to write an entire page or half a page for an introduction. So what was expected was 3-5 sentences maximum.
2. Information on Covid 19

2.1 Vaccination Figures

Topic sentence

Supporting details that are supported with facts and examples

Concluding sentence/transition phrase

Tip! – If you were paying attention in assignment ONE on how to write a paragraph then this was supposed to be a walk in the park because you only had to do the above 3 things for each paragraph.

2.2 Public Response to Vaccination

2.3 Vaccination Myths

3. Conclusion

Restatement of purpose. For example: The purpose of this report was to discuss information regarding the Covid 19 vaccinations in Mozambique.

Summary of the discussion. For example: This report discussed the vaccination figures, public response to vaccination and vaccination myths.

Your own Judgement of issues/opinion. For example: Governments need to do extensive mobilisation and information campaigns in order to get the public to agree to get vaccinations.

Signature: EGawas Date: 25 October 2021

References

- Should always be written on a separate page
- The sources cited in-text should be on the reference list
- The reference list should be alphabetically organized
- The references should NOT be numbered
- The reference list should be indented
- The references should be written correctly: spelling, punctuation, italics, capitalization, etc.
GENERAL COMMENTS

*PLAGIARISM IS A SERIOUS ACADEMIC OFFENCE! Whether you copy from the internet or copy your friend’s assignment. Either way, it can have serious and undesirable consequences.

*EAP is not just English! You will not succeed if you approach it with that mindset.

*Engage your marker tutors if you do not understand concepts or how to answer a question. Many of you are suffering in silence when you have help at your disposal. Many of you do not know how to PARAPHRASE, thus the reason for copying chunks directly from the internet because you don’t know how to say it in YOUR OWN WORDS!

*Remember at this level, we don’t expect you to be making grammatical or spelling errors so make sure your work is double checked.

* Good luck with the test! We hope this letter will be helpful to you but if you have any questions, feel free to contact your marker tutors and we will gladly assist you.