FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

2ND SEMESTER 2019

Assignment 1

REGIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA
RLN621S
Dear student,

For you to approach the question correctly, you need to established synthesis or point of departure. It is observed that students lack academic writing to write a good academic paper. Students should refrain from copying and pasting information as it is and pretend as their own. On this note, students are encouraged to paraphrase. Direct copy and paste even when sources are acknowledged constitute plagiarism which is an academic dishonesty. Students are reminded once more to type their assignments and also to maintain the page requirements. You are asked to pay special attention to the statement on academic honesty and integrity on the next page.

Regards,
STATEMENT ABOUT ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

All staff and students of Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), upon signing their employment contracts and registration forms, commit themselves to abide by the policies and rules of the institution. The core activity of NUST is learning and in this respect academic honesty and integrity is very important to ensure that learning is valid, reliable and credible.

NUST therefore does not condone any form of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism and cheating on tests and assessments, amongst other such practices. NUST requires students to always do their own assignments and to produce their own academic work, unless given a group assignment.

Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Using the ideas, words, works or inventions of someone else as if it is your own work.
- Using the direct words of someone else without quotation marks, even if it is referenced.
- Copying from writings (books, articles, webpages, other students’ assignments, etc.), published or unpublished, without referencing.
- Syndication of a piece of work, all or part of an assignment, by a group of students, unless the assignment was a legitimate group assignment.
- The borrowing and use of another person’s assignment, with or without their knowledge or permission.
- Infringing copyright, including documents copied or cut and pasted from the internet.
- Asking someone else to prepare an assignment for you or to write or sit an assessment for you, whether this is against payment or not.
- Re-submitting work done already for another course or programme as new work, so-called self-plagiarism.
- Bringing notes into an examination or test venue, regardless of whether the notes were used to copy or not.
- Receiving any outside assistance in any form or shape during an examination or test.

All forms of academic dishonesty are viewed as misconduct under NUST Student Rules and Regulations. Students who make themselves guilty of academic dishonesty will be brought before a Disciplinary Committee and may be suspended from studying for a certain time or may be expelled. All students who are found guilty of academic dishonesty shall have an appropriate endorsement on their academic record, which will never be erased.
FEEDBACK ON ASSIGNMENT ONE

GENERAL REMARKS FOR ASSIGNMENT ONE

Overall this was a very good assignment which discusses a highly topical and relevant area of development management in an interesting way. It is important to be able to think critically about issues and fully develop arguments. There are a number of helpful online resources in relation to this. I would encourage you to build on your success in this assignment as you progress towards the examination.

The students have demonstrated a good understanding of the subject. They have, through well-written essays answered the questions posed. There is a coherent flow of thought and ideas throughout the essays. The students have clearly shown that they have the all-important skills needed to delineate the essential ideas from copious information. The quality of the references needs to be improved.

FOR THE NEXT ASSIGNMENT, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE DONE CORRECTLY:

- To approach your next assignment question academically you need first of all to compose a suitable main heading/ topic from the given problem statement.
- Next will be your Table of Content (to guide your discussion) consisting of:
  1. Introduction,

The introduction should cover the general description of the study. The introduction should provide a brief overview and also to provide the paper approach and logic of interpretation.

2. A heading (This should be relevant)

Students should at all-time provide transitional statements connect the heading to the sub headings.

2.1 Relevant Sub-headings

2.2 Sub-headings
3. Conclusion – The conclusion is a summary of the discussions’ findings. Note, no new information should emanate in this summary. Citation is discouraged as it may provide new information not covered in the discussion.

4. Recommendations – Recommendation should be your preferred solutions based on shortcoming. These are your own suggestion and citation is discouraged. It should preferably be in bullets format however with a transitional statement.

References (not numbered). – Note, all in-text cited sources should be listed. Students are reminded to ensure compliance with the APA style format both in-text and listing. List only all in-text cited sources. Students are encouraged to make use of recommended academic search engines such as Google Scholar Sage, Ebscohost, Francis and Taylor, Science Direct, Springer Link, Jstor among others. Note, Wikipedia is not recommended for academic use. Avoid using this source.

I wish you all the best with the remaining assignment.

Yours sincerely,

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