FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

1st SEMESTER 2019

ASSIGNMENT 1

GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
GSM712S
Dear students,

Introduction
This tutorial letter is written in order to provide you with feedback relating to the first assignment – Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

This feedback tutorial letter aims to provide the following information: An indication of:

- What was expected from you to include in the assignment,
- The points to be included in the assignment,
- How to structure the assignment,
- Overall student performance for the assignment, and
- Pointers for next assignment.

The students were provided with the following scenario:
You are a logistics and supply chain expert responsible for capturing, processing and sharing product/service data with your organisation’s trading partners. Your organisation has decided to implement RFID to optimise information flows internally and with your external partners.
Prepare a report that will address the following areas:

- Discuss the concept of RFID, advantages, disadvantages.
- Explain how you would convince the 1st tier partners in your supply chain to adopt this new concept.
- Suggest how you will minimize the risks associated with RFID technology.

In addition, you were given a lot of latitude and freedom to show your creativity.

The students were expected to produce a report that will cover the following:

1. Introduction:
The students were expected to introduce the report by providing brief explanation on what is being discussed in the report. Especially, the main findings in the report were to be pointed out.

2. Findings

THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN YOUR FINDINGS:

2.1. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Concept
The students were expected to provide a brief overview of what RFID stands for and what is it.

2.2. Advantages of RFID
You were expected to discuss the benefits RFID has on business operations. It is highly recommended to contextualise the benefits of RFID to global supply chain management.

2.3. Disadvantages of RFID
You were expected to discuss the drawbacks RFID has on business operations. It is highly recommended to contextualise the drawbacks of RFID to global supply chain management.

2.4. Adoption of RFID by 1st tier partners
Here, the students were supposed to convince the 1st tier partner to adopt RFID into their business operations. In addition, the students were required to indicate how they will go about convincing the partners in implementing RFID. Most of the students missed this point.

2.5. Risks associated with RFID
To provide a detailed discussion on the risks associated with RFID.

NB: Note
2.4 and 2.5 are the most important part of the report, therefore more marks were allocated to these two points. Most of the students did not discuss these two points; therefore they did not perform well in the assignment.

3. Conclusions
The Conclusion should be as brief as possible. They should be presented in descending order of importance and should not suggest action. Conclusions should be free from speculation, have no new thoughts or references introduced and contain no further discussion of points raised.

**NB:** Still, most of the students did not include this in their assignments.

3. Recommendations
To be in bullet points, short, simple and clear. This was not compulsory for students.

References
The students are seriously requested to reference their work.
APA Referencing, grab a copy from the library for your next assignment. At this stage, the students are expected to be conversant with APA Referencing. I have observed that most of the students don’t know how to do in-text referencing/citation.

Overall comments:
- Generally the performance was good.
  **NB:** Some students did not understand what was required from them; therefore they discussed things that were out of the scope.
- Those who didn’t do well are encouraged to make use of this feedback tutorial letter, study guide and recommended textbooks,
- Please learn to present your information in a professional, systematic way and numbered properly.
The biggest problem encountered in this assignment is that most of the students do not reference their work.

You were given a lot of latitude and freedom to show your creativity; therefore I have decided not to give a format on how to present your information.

Students, please refrain from copying other peoples work without acknowledging.

Pointers for next assignment:

- It is very important to read and understand the instructions before starting with the assignment. MOST OF YOU FAILED TO GRAB WHAT WAS EXPECTED FROM YOU.
- Please proof read your work before submitting.

All the best with the next assignment.
The final marks will be converted into a percentage. Total Marks: 50

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