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## **FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER**

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**ASSIGNMENT 1**

**Introduction to Public Management**  
**ITP511S**

# **Feedback tutorial letter –Assignment 1**

## **Introduction to public management**

To protect its integrity, the Namibian University of Science and technology will apply the following penalties with regard to any type of plagiarism or cheating transgressions committed. Definition

- Where extracts from recommended readings are quoted, but are not adequately referenced.
- The unacknowledged quotes form a minor part of the entire piece of work.
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**NB: Students are required to pay attention to the individual assignment feedback.**

**In discussion students should include:**

- **Democracy**
- **Importance of free and fair election**
- **The Namibian example 2019 presidential election**
- **Importance of change in public institutions**
- **Effects of change and the influence on democracy**
- **For a credible academic paper, kindly adhere to the marking guidelines set out in the assignment evaluation form.**

### **Example of Content**

Elections are indispensable root of democracy, Namibia is no exception. As a democracy, Namibia has witnessed free election democratic accountability, rule of law and respect for human rights. Huntington (1991) defines democratization as “a group of transition from non-democratic to democratic regimes that occur within a specified period of time and that significantly outnumber transitions in the opposite direction during the period. Similarly, democracy can also be defined as a system “for arriving at political decisions in which individuals acquire the power to decide by means of a competitive struggle for the people’s vote (Shumpeter, 1947). Przeworski et al (1996), describes democracy as “a regime in which governmental offices are filled as a consequence of contested election. Hence, Przeworski et al definition is more adaptable and suitable in the Namibian context.

Annan (2012) opines that, for credibility in elections, high standard before and after the election should be observed, organization should campaign without fear, and a level field amongst candidates. He further added that result should be accepted no matter how disappointed the defeated candidate feel.

Free and fair election can be a catalyst for better governance, greater security and human development. However, citizens have no resources to peaceful political change in the absence of credible elections. As a result, the risk of corruption, intimidation and fraud increases, combating the whole political system. Putting this in mind, free and fair elections are important to uphold human rights and democratic principles. Where growing inequalities are observed is a direct result of democratic struggles to consolidate democratic gains.

In the light of Namibian Election 2019, students are required to give an example and personal views.

## **WHAT IS REFERENCING?**

When writing an assignment your own thoughts and ideas build on those of other writers and researchers. It is essential that you acknowledge those sources of information by: Acknowledge the source within the text by citing the author's last name and date of publication in parentheses. Give full details of each item in an **alphabetical reference list** at the end of your assignment.

When you find a source that you wish to use in your assignment, write down all the information you need. If you do not do this, you will need to find the source again in future, as you will be penalized if you submit incomplete references in your assignment. This guide will indicate what information you need to record for each different type of source.

### **Why reference?**

The main reasons are:

To enable your lecturer to follow up the references and find the book or journal article in a library.

- To demonstrate to your lecturer that you have read a wide range of opinions.
- To enable your lecturer to check the accuracy of the information you've given.
- Good referencing will assist in avoiding accusations of plagiarism.
- You will lose marks if you do not acknowledge sources.

### **What is Plagiarism?**

Plagiarism is using someone's words or ideas and passing them off as your own, without acknowledging your source. Self-plagiarism is using your own previously published work as new.

Refer to the **Nust brief guide to the APA attached**