FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

1st SEMESTER 2019

ASSIGNMENT 2

OPERATIONAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

OLM 612S
Dear Students

Before we start with these feedback sessions, let me first thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make time for your assignments. I would encourage each and every one of you to always make that time to ensure timely submissions of your assignments. As I took time to mark each and every single assignment, I have observed the following:

1. GENERAL COMMENTS

Guidelines to Answering an Assignment

- As a Distance student, assignments make up a very important component towards your CA contribution, and it’s advisable to read the instructions and understand them before attempting your assignment. Unfortunately, some of the students still failed to adhere to instructions such as:
  - Sources must be listed according to the APA or Harvard referencing style, unless otherwise prescribed by the department.
  - All assignments should be typed.
  - Font Style to be used is Calibri or Times New Roman font size 11, line spacing 1.5.
Explanation of various instructions

APA referencing
Any Academic institute requires a student to reference their work in order to show originality of work or otherwise acknowledge the sources where the work has been obtained from, failure to reference your work constitute plagiarism which is a very serious offence. I however picked up that many of the students either failed to reference their work and for those who at least referenced their work, few failed to reference according to the APA format, I therefore urge each and every student to familiarise themselves with APA referencing 6th edition (please note I will penalise all un referenced work).

All Assignments should be typed
Let me first thank all the students who took time to type their assignments, we encourage students to type assignments as it makes it easier for the marker to make out what you are trying to communicate, few students however handed in assignments that were hand written of which I believe won’t happen again. Please keep the following in mind:
- Always use font’s style: Calibri or times New Roman, font size 11
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Always start every question on a new heading
- It’s advisable to bold headings and Questions

Academic writing
I picked up that most students still need to master the art of academic writing, I therefore urge each and every one of you to develop those skills, it will also help you during your post graduate studies.

PLEASE NOTE I HAVE THUS PENALISED ANY STUDENT WHO DIDN’T ADHERE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED GUIDELINES BY DEDUCTING A TOTAL OF 5 MARKS, ESPECIALLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO FAILED TO REFERENCE THEIR WORK.

2. COMMENTS ON OVERALL ASSIGNMENT

Well I have to say many students performed well in the 2nd assignment

Question 1
Thou Operational Logistics Management is mostly a theoretical subject, it has some practicality in it which is needed from the industrial perspective, The purpose of this question was to test the students understanding of various calculations especially when it comes to managing inventory within an organisation, I however noticed that most students answered this question poorly, as a result I repeated this same question in your test 2, and results even deteriorated, I can only conclude that most students simply ignore the practical side of the subject and I once again urge you to practice this calculations as much as possible.

Question 2
For these particular question required students to explain various technologies companies use to retrieve inventories from their warehouse, the expected answers were via the use of Bar codes and RFID chips, however students went ahead and researched on other various technologies of which am proud of, however few students included ABC analysis which is rather used to control inventory and not for retrieval purposes, in overall the question was well answered.

Question 3
Most of the students answered this question on service components and elements well, but as a student you should always look at the mark allocation per question, this will help as a guide as to how much quantity/weight your answer should be. It was expected of you to write in detail and marks where allocated as per correctness and weightage in relation to the allocated marks and always give practical examples as per question.

**Question 4**
Dear students, whenever a question requires a diagram, you should always acknowledge the source where you obtained the diagram from, few of you did, and a diagram isn’t enough, you should always explain the diagram.

**Conclusion**
Let me thank all of you for the journey, I equally learned a lot from my students, such is the academic journey, once again the overall the class performed well in both Assignments, students just need to improve on the way assignments are presented and most importantly avoid plagiarism as well as having assignments done for you (these has hugely reflected in the low test scores)
All the best in your Academic Journey
Kind Regards
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