

ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

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1. Asking for the essay topic
2. Rewriting someone's topic
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3. Body
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16. Which of the following does not form part of how to plan for the examinations?

1. Sort out your notes and books
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17. In every academic discipline technical words are used to describe:

1. Meaning
2. Information
3. Memory
4. Ideas or concepts

18. To manage your time more effectively, you can do the following:

1. Mark on the calendar the dates of the assignments and examinations
2. Prepare for assignments and examinations
3. Read the whole module several times
4. Read specifically for the assignment

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QUESTION 1

Discuss how you would go about using academic discourse by stating the meaning of the following words and phrases:

- 1.1 Discuss;
- 1.2 Compare;
- 1.3 Contrast;
- 1.4 Describe;
- 1.5 Explain; and
- 1.6 Identify.

Use examples to support your answers in each case.

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QUESTION 2

Making notes takes up energy and time, but if you seriously want to understand and remember what you have studied you have to make written notes.

Discuss this statement in an essay and give reasons why you think it is important to write notes when you study the module ABT1511.

Your answer should be **two** (2) pages long. (20)

QUESTION 3

In separate paragraphs, discuss the importance of the items below that form the structure of any academic writing. Use examples to support your explanations:

- 3.1 Topic.
- 3.2 Developing the outline.
- 3.3 Introduction.
- 3.4 Paragraph.
- 3.4 Conclusion.

Your answer should be at least two (2) pages. (20)

QUESTION 4

Learning is a process where you begin with organising your schedule and ends with sitting for exams where you are required to demonstrate understanding of subject content. Write an essay about this process using the following headings:

- 4.1 Time management
- 4.2 Team learning
- 4.3 Writing an assignment
- 4.4 Planning for exams
- 4.5 Writing exams

Note: This question is an essay; this means it should have a **topic**. It should be clear from your essay that you have read sources of information that are related to the topic. You should divide your essay into paragraphs using provided headings as your guideline. A good paragraph deals with one main idea. An essay has an introduction and a conclusion. Edit your essay for coherence of ideas, language and spelling. Your essay should be two (2) to three (3) pages long.

Pay attention to all features of academic writing.

The following criteria will be used to assess your essay:

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 - Did the student ensure that each main idea is supported with examples, arguments, etc.? (5)
 - Did the student include the what, when, why and how in relation to learning process using provided sub-topics? (5)
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Choose the most correct answer in all instances below:

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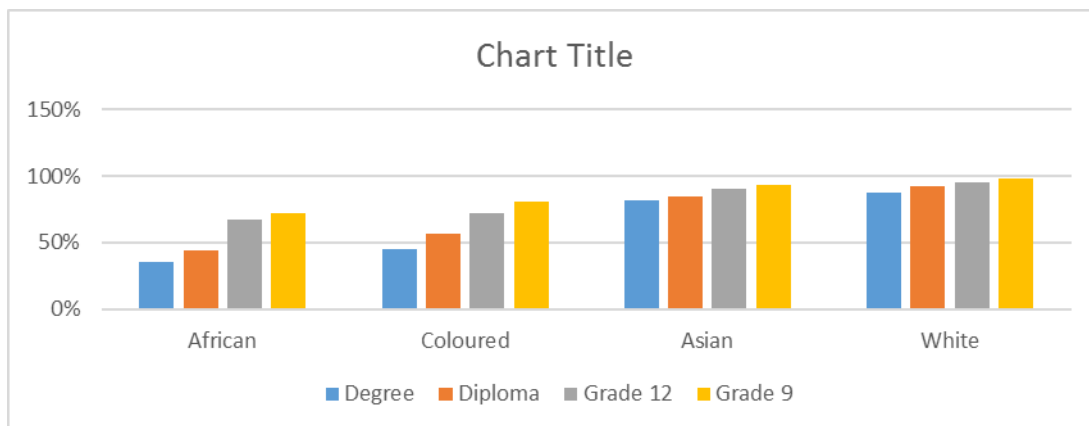
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QUESTION 2

Define the following statistical terms and give an example in each case:

- 2.1 Mean
- 2.2 Median
- 2.3 Mode
- 2.4 Correlations
- 2.5 Norm

(15)



The above-mentioned bar chart presents the percentage of youth who completed educational qualification between 1994 and 2004. Interpret this chart in terms of racial groupings completion of level of education. (15)

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QUESTION 3

Time management is very important for academic achievement.

Write an essay in which you describe how you will manage your time to enable you to succeed in your studies.

You should make your answers as realistic as possible by including relevant strategies. Your essay must possess all the features of academic writing. Your answer should be two (2) pages.

(20)

QUESTION 4

When searching for information for your assignment discuss the following ways through which you can identify relevant texts for your assignment:

- 4.1 Scanning
- 4.2 Skimming
- 4.3 Reading selected sections from academic books and journals
- 4.4 Underlining and highlighting
- 4.5 Using table of contents

Your answer should be 2 pages

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