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Introduction:

Learning in the digital era is different from learning in previous times. Educational resources and learning components have changed in this era. Students need to make themselves competent and effective learners by following many processes and steps. Higher education is a necessary thing for a student to increase his current learning and focus on his career. The report will provide a summary of the way of preparing for higher education. It will also make a mind map about how to become a digital learner. A video presentation about becoming a good team player through personal identity, place, value, and beliefs also will be created. Finally, a reflection on starting university, online learning, and doing the first assignment will describe the report by following Borton's reflective tool.

Task 1 – Preparing for higher education:



The Higher education is an essential stage for students. A student starts his study from the very beginning of life. He takes primary education in the beginning. With increasing age, he is engaged in a higher level of education (**Guangul et al., 2020**).

A student takes higher education from university or college which involves taking many preparations. At first, there is a necessity to choose the major subject which going to study by the student. Choosing a major requires proper planning and information gathering. This step is highly connected with the career of the student so it must be done carefully (**Blankenberger et al., 2020**). Then he must decide about his university or college where to study in higher education.

The different educational institution has different criteria and study structure. Proper information can guide a student about similarities with his requirements and choice. Educational institutions have their requirements for grades and scores for taking admission. Focusing on these requirements makes a student eligible for admission

because he can take preparation according to requirements (**Williamson and B., 2019**). Students can go to guidance counsellors or mentors for getting more information and suggestions. They can guide a student about their courses and universities which can make the clearer concept. Some extra-curricular activities and skills are also necessary for preparation. So student needs to have good communication skill, time management skill, listening skill, and active learning skill for performing better in higher education.

Another important planning concerning financial aid for study. Higher education requires huge expenses which must be managed by the student. They have to collect information about scholarships, study loans, and other financial aid from their desired educational institutions (**Ahmad and T., 2020**). It will make them able to plan the education budget to get an effective learning experience. A student can plan his desired higher education by following these steps and become successful in higher education.

Task 2 – Mind map:

A mind map illustrates a topic and connected its main components. Becoming a digital learner requires varieties of activities and components. A Digital learner has some qualities. He has an open mind to know something new every moment. He also needs to be a self-learner who recognizes his learning needs by himself. By identifying the needs gap, he takes steps to learn from the appropriate source (**Mulenga et al., 2020**).

A good technological knowledge is also required. Digital learning space consists of a lot of innovative and new technologies which require expert handling. The digital learner also has creative thinking ability. Digital learning provides some advantages and ensures real-time access to learning. People can also learn in flexible time and it provides a good assessment for learning (**Sousa et al., 2019**). The way of learning includes video lectures, online courses, contents of social media, podcasts, etc which helps easy learning in the digital medium.

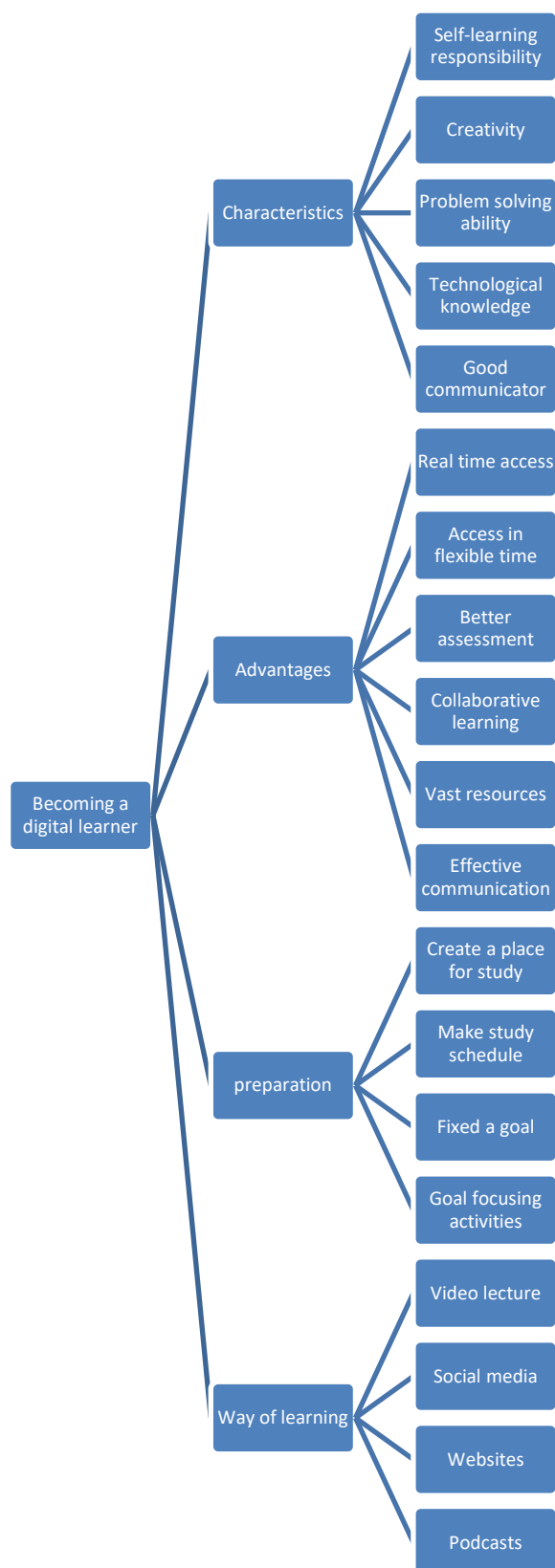


Figure: Mind map

Task 3 – Presentation:

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Task 4 – Reflection following Borton's reflective tools:

Borton's reflective framework defines 3 questions about reflection. These are:

1. What?
2. So what?
3. Now what?

What?

I have started University of Wales Trinity Saint David which is a new experience for me. I get a new environment with lots of new people. I have classmates and teachers and interacting with them is completely a new experience. Study materials have been created with new and rich components of subjective knowledge. University also provides me with an online learning experience which is another new one. The online learning environment is different from than offline learning environment (*Delves-Yates and C., 2021*).

Online learning environments and components are important innovations in technology. This has become more popular during Covid 19 pandemic which had restricted the movement of people. I have to write the assignment in the university which is an important part of the course. The structure and process of writing an assignment follow some rules. For the very first one, new writing structure needs to be learned by students for accurate performance.

So what?

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David provides a way of reaching career goals for every student. I have got guidelines about my education and goal. The environment of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David is outstanding which inspires me to learn and experience new things (*Blunden et al., 2021*). My classmates and teachers were very cooperative and helps me a lot in many aspects. The online learning experience has introduced me to many new educational resources which imposed some complexities at the beginning. I have learned digital skills from the online learning environment and academic writing with the correct way of referencing from the first assignment. The University of Wales Trinity Saint David also develops my communication, learning, listening, teamwork, and time management skill.

Now what?

Existing learning will help me to adjust to any difficult situation in changing learning environment. Existing knowledge has developed my knowledge and skill base which needs to develop in the future and I want to do so. I can write better assignments in the future by learning from experience. Teachers are here who can give me the way of development by providing necessary feedback.

Conclusion:

The Higher study planning includes choosing a major, a university, guidelines from mentors, skills development, and financial aid planning for study. A digital learner has some characteristics and it provides many benefits. Digital learning way also different from traditional one. Becoming a good team player is highly dependent on the value, identity, sense of place, and belief of a person. Positive values and beliefs make a person the best team player and he helps to make a success of team goal.

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