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Learning in the Digital Era

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MAIN BODY

TASK – 1: WRITTEN SUMMARY

Preparing for Higher Education



Entering the phase of higher education is known to be dreaded by most of the students as at this stage, most of the students will be deciding what career to pursue in the future. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to have a well – formulated plan of action which will be assisting the students in achieving the goals and objectives that student must have decided (Guangul and et.al., 2020). There are certain important things that every student shall know while pursuing a degree in the higher education to be more clear and confident in the said journey.

One of the factor is knowing that the guidance counsellor plays a role of advocate for a student pursuing the degree of higher education. Each and every service for career or guidance counsellors put in place by the educational institutions for a specific and important reason. These services and counsellors are set up with the objective of inspiring, motivating and guiding the students for the next step to be taken by them in their career.

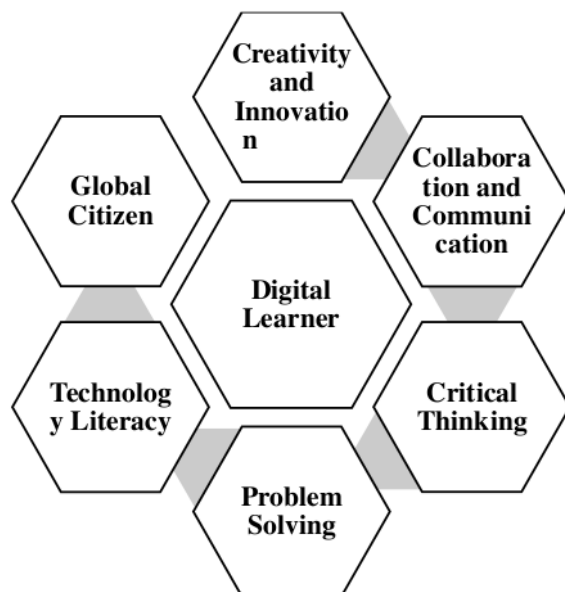
Knowing the specific expectations and requirements of the colleges in which the admission is desired by the student is a must (Shrestha and et.al., 2022). This is because each educational institution has some specific requirements and formalities with respect to various criteria including grades, experience, scores in the test, resume, etc. and these are required to be fulfilled to get admitted.

Lastly, building relationships with different teachers and other counsellors can prove to be of utmost importance for gaining of the reference which are very valuable in getting admission in the good educational institution. Thus, it is important that a student builds a good rapport with

different teachers and counsellors. This is essential because a student will be requiring certain number of good recommendations from teachers for filling the college applications.

TASK – 2: MIND MAP

Becoming a Digital Learner



Summary

Thus, for becoming a digital learner following characteristics are needed to be inculcated in self which are explained as follows:

Creativity and Innovation

In becoming a digital learner, having a minimal sense of creativity and innovation is of utmost importance. This is because this creativity and innovation is vital in gaining education in the current times of extremely challenging environment.

Collaboration and Communication

In today's world, the aspects of communication, teamwork and collaboration is very essential due to the ever increasing emphasis of the technology and economic globalization (Lamsal, 2022). These are thus, very essential for students to survive and succeed in the modern society.

Critical Thinking

Students in the modern era are required to be a very critical thinker. This is because educational environment has become very challenging with the emergence of newer and innovative digital innovations.

Problem Solving

Students shall be able to solve any problem at their disposal effectively and efficiently by applying the available digital means to become a digital learner.

Technology Literacy

The process of education has been completely revolutionised by the emergence and invention of newer and more creative modes of education digitally. Thus, the students are required to learn new skills for accomplishing the technological requirements.

Global Citizen

The learning methods and needs of the student needs to be globalised to be in sync with the rapidly globalising economy.

TASK – 3: PERSONAL IDENTITY

Personal identity according to me is my self – image and beliefs which I infer about myself and how I differentiate myself with others. It is my personal identity which has been developing over time based on the place to which I belong, the values I believe in and the beliefs I follow. Also my personal identify is duly affected by my gender, the ethnicity to which I belong, the religion in which have my trust & faith, the values and hobbies which I have interest in.

Thus, there are primarily 5 aspects of a personal identity i.e., my interests, my talent & abilities, my goals, my likes & dislikes and my values & beliefs (Alt, Raichel and Naamati-Schneider, 2022). A positive mind set and positive environment while growing up will naturally be affecting my mental being significantly and thus, this will result in positive and confident personal identity. All of these qualities are required and are very essential for being a good team player.

A positive and radiant personal identity will allow me to be an excellent team player. This will help me in getting mixed up with the other members very easily and also understand their concerns and issues which they are facing. Also, I will be able to provide them with more effective and beneficial advices to solve their issues and concerns. All this is possible only when I am equipped with a good personal identity (Hong and et.al., 2022). This will involve possessing an excellent sense of self – worth which is very vital in maintaining the overall well – being mentally,

physically, emotionally and spiritually. This will also help in knowing what I really want with myself and my life. It will guide me in avoiding the feelings and sense of uncertainty and indecisiveness for any crucial decisions.

Now, the question is how do I determine whether I have a strong and pure personal identity. Three important components will answer this question which are ownership of values, self – worth and commitment to values. Thus, having an opinion and behaviour which changes on the basis of the ones who I am around is one of such features which shows the presence of weaker personal identity. Another feature is a deep understanding and knowledge of the values is severely lacking and also I am not able to hold my opinions for long. This is a very essential and crucial feature. Lastly, there is always a sense of feeling broken and empty and not being known by anyone. This also shows the presence of a weaker personal identity.

Thus, my sense of place, beliefs and values duly results in shaping my personal identity. And this will be affecting my abilities and capabilities to become a good team player. Thus, becoming a good team player will require following some tips. One of the tips is being a good communicator i.e., having appropriate skills of healthy communication is vital for an effective professional development. Being a problem solver will also assist me in becoming a good team player (Rieth and Hagemann, 2022). Every team faces certain challenges and conflicts but it is the problem solving skills of individuals that will decided the fate of the team's success. Also, knowing all my strengths is very important as if I know the strengths that I have, I will be better able to function and work in a team. Taking initiative simply means preventing the problems before they even happen and also, to address them immediately as they arise. Thus, this will require springing into action before even a senior or other colleague asks to take action. It is always helpful in being proactive rather than being reactive and thus, allows inspiring others in the team as well.

TASK – 4: REFLECTION

Borton's Reflective Tool

The phase of starting the valuable and precious journey of university for getting a professional degree has been amazing for me. Although it involves various challenges and complicacies like handling the elaborated time – table, study schedule, assignment deadlines, etc. I am now experiencing the most challenging and time – rushing schedule for coping with the busy schedule of university. Also, managing the online lectures, online resources and online learning method becomes very hectic with multiple tasks to completed in a day (Sayaf and et.al., 2022).

Talking of the first ever project in the university, it was very challenging, complicated and detailed but the process of carrying out such project was the most part for me. As it involved researching various study materials, online articles & journals which required in – depth study and analysis to be done for addressing the requirements of the project.

Thus, I can explain the above experience of starting university, getting acquainted with the online learning and resources and the most initial project applying the Borton's reflective tool or model. This model is very easy and straightforward to implement in situation like mine in the university. Thus, I can explain my whole experience on the basis of three question:

What?

This question involves the situation in consideration i.e., my journey of starting the university, getting to know the processes of online resources & learning and the experience of making first project.

So What?

So in the above situation firstly, I felt proud of myself that I was able to come to this level of my education successfully and how my intellect has developed since then.

Now What?

On the basis of the above experience I came to a realisation that I need to improve myself significantly in various aspects like communication, problem solving, decision making, etc. to be more efficient and effective.

SOMETHING ABOUT ME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHKPQbZKdUM>

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