



EDB1330

**THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
AND BEHAVIOUR**

ASSIGNMENT (100%)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This Assignment consists of Part A, B, C and D. Answer ALL.

PART A (20%) – 4 pages

Write an essay titled:

“My Philosophy of Learning”

Your essay will be judged based on the following criteria:

- i. An introduction which lays down in clear simple terms your philosophy of learning. The introduction should also present an outline of the points contained in the rest of the essay.
- ii. A body which contains at least three or four main points supporting your philosophy of learning. Each of these points should be illustrated with sound explanations and excellent examples demonstrating your philosophy of learning.
- iii. A conclusion which reiterates your position and recounts the main points you have made to convince the reader of your position and philosophy.

Do not make any references or copy from the learning materials. They should reflect **YOUR OWN THOUGHTS ONLY** – Not the thoughts of others. DO NOT TELL WHAT OTHERS SAY but WHAT YOU THINK ONLY. Marks will be deducted if you present the ideas of others.

*** Do NOT copy and paste from the web.**

PART B (20%) – 4 pages

Watch the video clips listed below and write an essay titled:

“Theories of Learning and Behaviorism in Psychology”

Theories of Learning

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX_uta8NETI

Behaviorism in Psychology

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG2SwE_6uVM&t=14s

- Your essay should only be based on the video clips listed.
- You decide on the format of the essay
- Do not be afraid to give your opinion on whether you agree with the ideas presented

PART C (20%) – 10 slides

You have been asked to give a talk to parents about 'Motivating Learners'.

- Prepare a set of 10 slides for your presentation including the cover and reference page
- Make the slides attractive
- Include a short script of your presentation in point-form

PART D (40%) – 8 pages

Choose ONE of the learning psychology topics from this course and write a rationale (1 page) for your choice. Be sure to choose only ONE of the topics e.g.

- Self-regulation
- Neurophysiology of Learning
- Brain Development
- Emotion and Motivation
- Social Cognitive
- Learning and Performance
- Personality and Learning

[10 marks]

Write an observation report based on the topic you have chosen. The observation report may use the following guidelines:

1. Select a student to observe his or her learning behaviour based on the topic you have chosen.
2. The student can be from your school or from the neighborhood or relative or friend or your own child.
3. Observe his or her learning behaviour for half an hour for over a period of 5 days and TAKE NOTES [You can spend MORE time observing the student].
4. Focus your observation on the following:
 - The activities the student engages in – the objects used (and how)
 - The learning behaviour exhibited by the student – is the student showing interest? Is the student able to perform? the student exhibit thinking skills?
 - How the student interacts with others – the quality and quantity of social interactions (does the student initiate?); How does the student resolve conflicts? If so, it is cooperative, interactive, independent or creative?
 - The content of the language used – language interactions or vocalisations – what stage of language development is the student exhibiting?

5. Note the above are only guidelines – you do not have to use all and you are free to include what you want to observe. There are lots more you can observe and report!
6. Use a notebook to write down what you observe.

DO NOT PUT THE STUDENT'S NAME IN YOUR NOTES ANYWHERE! One of the most important ethical values as a researcher must have.

CONFIDENTIALITY is crucial. Whatever you observe, whatever you learn about a person, no matter what their age, should be kept in strict confidence and only shared with people who have a need to know. Make up a name for the student, use "The student" or "John (not the real name)".

Format of Report:

Your report can consist of the following sections:

1. Background of the student – [1 page]
 - Age of child
 - Gender
 - Socioeconomic status
2. Description of behaviours and activities observed - [5 pages]
3. Conclusion - It is perfectly okay to say "This study was a complete failure and I did not learn anything about my topic, but I DID learn - [1 page]

FORMAT

- a) Format for the assignment:
 - a. 12 New Times Roman font
 - b. 1½ spacing
- b) Submit **ALL Parts** in **ONE FILE** (Microsoft words) **except Part C** in **ONE FILE** (Power Point)
- c) APA style citations and references. You will be evaluated on adherence to APA style

END OF QUESTION PAPER