EW Theory: Assignment 3			
Topic	Personal Statement	Section	
Student 1		Student 2	
Obt. Marks		Max. Marks	22 Marks

Task I: Choose the correct option. (5 Marks)

1. What is the main purpose of a personal statement?
A) To repeat your academic transcript
B) To describe your hobbies in detail
C) To show your personality, motivation, and suitability for a program
D) To list all your extracurricular activities

2. Which of the following is considered a cliché?
A) "Working at a food bank helped me understand community needs."
B) "I have always wanted to be an engineer since I was a child."
C) "My internship taught me real-world problem solving."
D) "Team projects taught me time management and communication."

3. Which of the following is NOT a recommended part of a personal statement?
A) Tailored achievements
B) A personal anecdote
C) Repeating the résumé
D) A strong conclusion

4. What is the best way to show that you're hardworking?
A) Say "I am very hardworking"
B) Mention high grades only
C) Provide an example that demonstrates it
D) Use a motivational quote

5. Why should you avoid vague statements like "I want to succeed"?
A) They're grammatically incorrect
B) They sound unmotivated
C) They don't provide any personal insight or evidence
D) They are too long

Task II: Below is a short excerpt from a personal statement. Identify TWO mistakes (such as clichés, lack of specificity, or repetition) and suggest how to improve them. (5 Marks)

"Since I was young, I have always dreamed of being a scientist. I am hardworking and smart, and I believe this university will help me succeed."

Instructions:
- Name two mistakes you notice (2 marks).

- **Cliché** – "Since I was young, I have always dreamed…" is overused and unoriginal.

- Rewrite the excerpt in a better, more specific way (3 marks).

Rewritten paragraph shows:

Specific experience or motivation   +2

Avoids clichés and vague adjectives +1

Accept the answer if the student has replaced the field of scientist with any other field of their interest.

Task III: You are applying for the NextGen Innovators Scholarship awarded to Computer Science undergraduates who have shown strong academic performance, a passion for technological innovation, and a commitment to solving real-world problems using technology. (12 Marks)

- The scholarship committee is looking for students who not only excel academically but also demonstrate creativity, leadership, and a vision for using computer science to benefit society.
- You need to write short responses based on this scenario.

A: Write the Introduction Paragraph (8 Marks)

Instructions:

Write the opening paragraph (5–6 lines) of your personal statement for the "NextGen Innovators Scholarship."

Your paragraph must:
- Start with an attention-grabbing hook.
- State your passion for computer science and innovation.
- Briefly connect your motivation to solving real-world problems.

Marking criteria	
Attention-grabbing hook	2 marks
Clear passion for computer science and innovation	3 marks
Motivation connected to solving real-world problems	3 marks

All three elements will be mingled together, assess smartly and do not reduce unnecessary marks. Get an idea from the provided sample.

A broken public transport app once left me stranded for hours — but it also sparked my curiosity. That frustrating experience made me realize how powerful tech can be when it works, and how disruptive it is when it doesn't. Since then, I've been fascinated by the intersection of code and human needs. Studying computer science has given me the tools to turn that curiosity into innovation. I am driven to build systems that improve lives through accessible and reliable technology.

B: Write a Strong Concluding Sentence (4 Marks)

Instructions:

Write one final sentence that would powerfully close your personal statement.

It should:
- Show gratitude for the opportunity.
- Highlight your ambition to contribute to technology and society through computer science.

Marking criteria	
Gratitude for the opportunity	2 marks
Ambition to contribute via CS to society	2 marks

Both elements will be mingled together, assess smartly and do not reduce unnecessary marks. Get an idea from the provided sample.

I am honored to apply for the Scholarship and excited to use my skills in computer science to develop inclusive, real-world solutions that make technology a force for good.