**COM-115 Assignment 5**

**Interpersonal Communication Interviews and Analysis**

**Part 1:  Interpersonal Communication Interview Form**

Instructions:

* Conduct two separate interviews.  Each person interviewed will be from two different parts of your life.
* Select one person to interview that is from your family.
* Select one person with whom you work with or that you know who works in an environment separate from the home. For the purpose of the interview, it is best for the work interviewee to work away from the home to ensure that they are often communicating in a face-to-face and virtual medium with co-workers.
* Use the interviewing questions below.
* Record the responses.

The purpose of this assignment is to help you further understand the similarities and differences in family and work interpersonal communication through comparison and analysis.

**Family Interview**

*Note*: Begin the interview by thanking your interviewee for their willingness to be interviewed. Tell them about this Interpersonal Communication class, explain the definition of interpersonal communication, and inform him/her of the purpose of the interview assignment.

Record the responses to the interview questions below:

1. Tell me about your family.
2. If you had to define family, what would your definition be?
3. Imagine you are with your immediate family at a recent gathering. What does the communication look and sound like?  Please share topic(s) of conversation and encourage adjectives along with who is talking and to whom.
4. What are your family values?  Explain why these values are important to your family.
5. Who is the “boss” in your family?  What is it like to be in his/her leadership?  If there is not a “boss”, how would you describe the direction of communication?
6. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate your family’s adaptability?  Explain your thoughts.
7. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate your family’s cohesion?  Explain your thoughts.
8. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate your family’s communication? Explain your thoughts.
9. How would you describe the use of technology in your family and among family members?
10. What are the friendships like in your family?

**Work Interview**

*Note*: Begin the interview by thanking your interviewee for their willingness to be interviewed. Tell them about this Interpersonal Communication class, explain the definition of interpersonal communication, and inform him/her of the purpose of the interview assignment.

Record the responses to the interview questions below:

1. Tell me about your work.
2. If you had to define work, what would your definition be?
3. Imagine you are with your co-workers at a recent meeting.  What does the communication look and sound like? Please share topic(s) of conversation and encourage adjectives along with who is talking and to whom.
4. What are your workplace values?  Explain why these values are important to the workplace.
5. Who is the “boss” in your work?  What is it like to be in their leadership?
6. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate the ability of your co-workers to adapt?  Explain your thoughts.
7. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate the cohesion among co-workers?  Explain your thoughts.
8. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being highest, how would you rate the communication among your co-workers?  Explain your thoughts.
9. How would you describe the use of technology in your work and with co-workers?
10. What are the friendships like in your work?  Any work romances?

**Part 2:  Interpersonal Communication Interview Analysis**

**Compare and Contrast Interviews**

Based on the two separate interviews you conducted, one with a family member and one with a coworker, compare and contrast the responses.

Create a bulleted list below using complete sentences to compare and contrast at least eight of the responses.

<Enter your bulleted list here>

**Analysis**

Answer the following questions based on your break down of the compare and contrast of the interviews:

* What differences exist between the overall communication patterns and the leadership communication patterns in the interviews?
* Based on what you are learning in this course and your comparison, what advice would you give to the family member to improve interpersonal communication?
* Based on what you are learning in this course and your comparison, what advice would you give to the work interviewee to improve interpersonal communication?