Assignment-1 Summary, CV and Portfolio

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Group work for students

Some students really don't have experience of working in groups in an academic part or in any sport activities but it is really important for students to work or contribute in a group. Group work is a learning experience in which students work together as a group making strong relationship among the group members in order to complete on the same task. In a group work, individual work is decomposed into different parts where students work through together. Students can work together in groups to complete assessments, group projects and also to perform in extracurricular activities. Group work is not only about making the task better, but also meant to develop general knowledge, socially acceptable attitudes, confidence, communication skills, critical thinking skills etc. for the group members.

Through group discussion, students can share their different ideas, concepts and can develop different skills, also it allows students to experience situations where they have to take quick decision. So, it also makes group members decisive. Working in a group helps in personal growth and reduces stress as all of the group members contribute equally on the task. It motivates students to be an active learner, helps to develop critical-thinking abilities, communication skills and decision-making skills. It increases peer interactions among group members which helps in personal development and to make friends beyond the group work. The group members can also be friends outside the task, as they get the habit of talking, sharing ideas, likes and dislikes while working in a group.

Although group work can develop various skills and helps in personal development, some students find them the worst experience, and feel reluctant to work in groups again. Students, particularly those who have bad communication skill do not feel confident and they prefer to work independently. Some group members who don't contribute at the same level to the group get the same level of result as of the members who work really hard to make the work success. In this situation, the hard-working group members don't fell happy while working again and they prefer to work individually. So, while choosing group members, students prefer to work with their own friends as they know how can their friends contribute to the task. It can also be difficult for the teachers to determine individual students' achievement of the learning outcomes.

Somewhere during the group work, teachers also find hard and problematic to divide and manage group members. When, there is no any group leaders, teachers find hard to communicate with all the group members individually. The main part of a group work involves organizing class, staff workloads, class size and group

members. So, to complete a group work, the organizers also have to put effort in dividing group members, assigning work class and in communication with group members.

Regular open communication within group members makes the group work successful in affective way. Unspoken assumptions among students can arise issues which can harm the group project. Students who can communicate openly with one another can make a strong bond and good friends. Creating a friendly environment where there is no any discrimination on group members can make the group members feel comfortable sharing ideas without any fear of judgement, criticism, or rejection. This makes the work more affective and increase the productivity of students who feel awkward and discomfort being social.

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