Estimation

* Why is this week's topic important for teamwork? (20 points)

Estimation is important for teamwork; you must be able to estimate how much time/resources something is going to take. In doing so your team can communicate and coordinate to do a task. If your estimation is wrong, it can be costly to your resources. An example of this is being overconfident in completing a task and encountering a problem that turns out to take exponentially more time to complete.

* How do plan on contributing to the team, besides completing your tasks? (20 points)

This week I intend to effectively communicate with my team and provide active feedback about the work being completed. Furthermore, I will also assist my teammates in doing their tasks or giving advice. I will also try and organize the information given to us and assist my teammates in understanding it.

* How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had? (20 points)

Just this week, I was trying to estimate how fast I could do one of my midterms, so I could find out if I had enough time to go to an event on campus and support my FHE group. I figured that it wouldn’t take me more than a couple of hours but as I started to work on the assignment I quickly learned that this was going to take me multiple hours to complete. In the end I was barley able to finish on time but it took me much longer than expected simply because I was overconfident in my abilities.

* Tell me about what you taught someone? And what did they learn, that they didn’t know before? (20 points)

This week I told my friend about my experience with estimation. It is easy to get overconfident in our abilities or even hopeful and make a mistake in estimation. This mistake can be costly to our time and other various resources. It’s not really until we start working on a project that we gain a full scope of the problem to be completed. Therefore, it can be detrimental to make estimations without the proper knowledge or experience.

* If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week’s topic to the gospel? (20 points)

In some ways we estimations or plans on how our lives our going to go. Very rarely does life go the way we planned, or things happen exactly the way in which we want them to. God has a plan for each of us, and it can be very difficult to see where that path takes us in life. Therefore, it’s best to trust in god’s plan and understanding for us because he knows what’s best for us. Making assumptions or leaning on our own understanding can be detrimental.