University of London International Programmes

Computing and Information Systems
CO1108 Information Systems: foundations of e-business
Coursework assignments 2016–17

Coursework assignment 1

Introduction

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- o **cw#** is either cw1 (coursework 1) or cw2 (coursework 2).

Assignment objectives

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- Apply appropriate frameworks and techniques learnt on the course.
- Demonstrate your understanding of the impact of IT on organisational internal and external relationships.
- Demonstrate your ability to undertake research to support your findings.

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Marks for assignment

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Coursework assignment 1 Scenario

In recent years there has been an exponential growth in the use of Enterprise systems. You are required to provide a report on these systems in which you address the following issues:

1. Identify and describe four business functions that may be integrated through the enterprise system.

[25 marks]

2. For each of the business functions you identified in your answer to Question 1, discuss the benefits that they might achieve from the introduction of an enterprise system.

[25 marks]

3. Identify four risks the organisation faces in the event of a catastrophic failure of the enterprise system.

[25 marks]

4. Provide an example of an organisation that has successfully implemented an enterprise system.

[25 marks]

[Total 100 marks]

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Coursework assignment 2 Scenario

If Information systems are to be successful they should support the business processes. In some cases, processes need to be redesigned or improved. You are required to address this issue by addressing the following four questions:

1. Discuss what is meant by Total Quality Management in the context of information systems.

[25 marks]

2. Discuss the advantages of conducting a Total Quality Management initiative for an organisation.

[25 marks]

- 3. Discuss an example of a successful Total Quality Management initiative. [25 marks]
- Other than Total Quality Management, discuss other methods a manager might use to improve the way in which processes are conducted in an organisation.

[25 marks]

[Total 100 marks]

[END OF COURSEWORK ASSIGNMENT 2]