**General advice to markers**

In each assignment, penalties will be imposed for inappropriate or poor paraphrasing. For serious cases, they will be investigated by the examination department. More information on effective paraphrasing strategies can be found on <https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/evidence/paraphrase/effective>)

When inappropriate or poor paraphrasing is found in an assignment, please take the following actions:

* Impose a penalty of 2 to 5 marks for each instance of inappropriate paraphrasing
* Provide one example of inappropriate paraphrasing in your comment, if you have imposed any penalty for inappropriate paraphrasing
* The penalty for inappropriate paraphrasing is capped at 25 marks

**What is Inappropriate Paraphrasing?**

An instance of inappropriate paraphrasing occurs when a student does not have the intention to cheat, but is nonetheless sloppy in referencing and/or paraphrasing a source. It includes (but not limited to) the following situations:

1. A text string of 40 words or more that contains 80% or higher similarity to an uncited source
2. A text string of 40 words or more that contains 90% or higher similarity to a cited source
3. Other cases deemed as inappropriate paraphrasing by the Assignment Marker

Inappropriate paraphrasing does not include the following situations:

1. Use of Verbatim quotes
2. Reproduction of texts that should not be paraphrased (e.g., A company’s mission and vision, legal clauses, standard definitions of established physical laws, etc.)
3. When it is reasonable and possible to have high similarity among submissions (e.g., computer programming assignments)

**Example of inappropriate paraphrasing**

**Submission (36/40 words, or 90% similarity to a cited source)**

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| The real data mining task (Citation included here) is the fast analysis of large amount of data to extract previously unknown, interesting results such as groups of data records (cluster analysis), unusual records (anomaly detection), and dependencies (association rule mining, sequential pattern mining). |

**Source:**

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| The actual data mining task is the semi-automatic or automatic analysis of large quantities of data to extract previously unknown, interesting patterns such as groups of data records (cluster analysis), unusual records (anomaly detection), and dependencies (association rule mining, sequential pattern mining). |

**Example of appropriate paraphrasing**

**Submission (8/31 words, or 25% similarity to the source)**

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| Data mining involves the use of techniques such as association and clustering, as well as anomaly detection, to discover new information, interesting patterns and insights that can be useful to organisations. |

**Source:**

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| The actual data mining task is the semi-automatic or automatic analysis of large quantities of data to extract previously unknown, interesting patterns such as groups of data records (cluster analysis), unusual records (anomaly detection), and dependencies (association rule mining, sequential pattern mining). |

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