I: Good afternoon, My name is Jay and as a student from the Faculty of Information Technology as well, I am glad to invite you to today's interview.

I: I would like to ask you some questions about your attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors about using Generative AI to complete assignments.

I: This interview should take about 20 to 30 minutes and contain the audio recording, can we start right now?

F: Sure!

I: Thanks, firstly, we will talk about students' behaviors about using Generative AI in academic settings.

F: Ok.

I: So, Have you ever used Generative AI tools to help you complete the assignments?

F: Yes, I have used many of the Generative AI tools for some parts of my assignments.

I: What do you mean by some parts?

F: I don't use Generative AI for the logic parts of my assignments, where I can test my understanding of the concepts or problem-solving skills. However, I will use it to get some additional information for extra materials related to the assignments. For example, I need Generative AI to help me search for some difficult parts of my assignments that I haven't gotten a strong understanding of in class and some preview knowledge or knowledge out of class I need to use in solving the assignments.

I: Which Generative AI tools have you used?

F: I can remember three Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, Google AI, and COZE.

I: Among these three Generative AI tools, which one do you prefer?

F: My favorite one should be ChatGPT of course since the answer is more accurate and productive.

I: For what types of assignments do you generally use Generative AI?

F: Generally I will use many types of assignments, like assignments containing large workloads, and some dissertations I may use AI tools to check my grammar and sentences, and I may use ChatGPT to help me decide the right order of the instructions of the assignments. Also, for some difficult assignments, If I can't figure it out on my own, I will use ChatGPT to give me some hints.

I: When was the last time you used Generative AI to help you complete the assignments? Do you remember that?

F: The last time I used Generative AI to help me solve the assignment was close, just last week.

I: when you were doing some group assignments, would you use Generative AI?

F: It depends on the specific situation, if among the groupmates, we have different ideas, we can't decide on a standardized answer, we may use Generative AI to search the answers about these assignments as references, which can help us better decide the answer.

I: When using Generative AI for the assignments in the last week, do you think too much time was spent on these tools?

F: Absolutely not, since most of the questions can be solved by using in-class knowledge, so most parts of the assignments I can solve it on my own, I only use Generative AI to help me solve some quite difficult questions or review some of the class knowledge. In conclusion, I may spend less than fifteen minutes using Generative AI on average for each assignment.

I: Have you had any problems that Generative AI can't solve?

F: Yes, I did encounter some difficult questions that can't be handled by Generative AI, the way after meeting that, I will have some posts in the ED forum and ask other students or teachers, to try to figure the problems out or search some materials in Google or looking for some relative books in libraries.

I: Thanks, let's talk about students' attitudes about using Generative AI in academic settings.

I: How do you feel when using Generative AI like ChatGPT to complete the assignments?

F: I think it is convenient for me to use ChatGPT to complete the assignments, I feel relieved when I solve some difficult parts of the assignments that I can't solve by myself for a long time. Since ChatGPT can always finish one assignment in only half a minute.

I: How do you think the fairness and accuracy of using Generative AI to complete assignments?

F: It depends on the specific situation. For fairness, it is quite unfair if some students use AI for the whole assignment, but it's Okay to ask for some additional information. Most time, ChatGPT will give the right answers, and it has a high accuracy, but sometimes, it doesn't perform accurately when facing some difficult questions.

I: Do you think it is important for us to use Generative AI for learning?

F: It depends since AI is just a powerful tool, the most important thing is that we students put effort into learning something new. So it is important for us to learn by using Generative AI, also, we can use some materials such as books, and websites to help us learn more.

I: How do you think about the importance of using Generative AI in the assignments?

F: Regarding the assignments, I think Generative is not really important, because most parts of the assignments can be completed with our in-class knowledge and in-class materials. By using our knowledge to complete the assignments, we tend to learn more compared to using Generative AI to solve the questions.

I: What advantages and disadvantages do you think using Generative AI in the assignments has?

F: As I mentioned before, the advantage is that it will be fast and convenient for us to get the answers with Generative AI, and for some hard-working students, Generative AI will provide them with some new learning skills because they will understand and try to figure the reason out by themselves. After that, this will be turned into their knowledge. On the other hand, by using Generative AI with high frequency to solve the whole assignment without their efforts, these students may rely on Generative AI answers without learning new knowledge and skills, even if they get a high score on the assignment, that is not their knowledge, which will affect their study career.

I: How do you think about these changes in learning skills?

F: Even though there are some bad samples about the bad effects on learning skills, I still think it is a positive trend because many students can improve their learning skills easily by using Generative AI tools because Generative AI can provide them with novel perspectives about the assignments.

I: Thanks, let's talk about students' beliefs about using Generative AI in academic settings.

I: How do you believe the necessity of using Generative AI in the assignments?

F: About necessity, even though it is convenient for us to use Generative AI in the assignments, I think it unnecessary for us to use them in the assignments, like I mentioned before, we should use our knowledge to solve the main part of the assignments, but regarding a few quite difficult parts, if we can not figure it out for a long time, we may ask it for help.

I: How do you believe the efficiency of Generative AI such as ChatGPT for solving the assignments?

F: There is no doubt that ChatGPT can solve the assignments quickly. I trust the efficiency of ChatGPT because most of the time, we can get the answer from ChatGPT in only a few seconds.

I: In what ways does Generative AI improve or reduce the efficiency of the assignments?

F: From my point of view, in many ways, Generative AI can improve the efficiency of the assignments. For example, it can provide us with the right order and logic frame for the assignments. Additionally, providing us with the right method to solve the difficulty that we may need a long time to figure out. Sometimes, only needing a few hints, we can solve a problem by ourselves.

I: What value do you believe Generative AI such as ChatGPT for learning has?

F: Generative AI like ChatGPT provides us with many values including improving learning efficiency, learning new skills, improving our study skills, and learning new knowledge out of class. It can reduce the study pressure especially when we have four courses in one semester now.

I: Among these values, which one do you think is the most crucial, and why?

F: Even though the Generative AI provides us with so many values. The most important value I think is related to improving learning skills because if we get the real skills, which means when we meet the same type of problem next time, we can solve it by ourselves, it is useful.

I: How do you feel about whether using Generative AI in assignments is cheating or just the new reality of work?

F: In my consideration, it is just a powerful tool for us to study. What matters is the way we use it. For example, we should not use it for the whole assignment without thinking about the questions ourselves. If we can turn the AI answers into our knowledge and our learning skills, it is just the new reality of work, if we just use these answers for handling the assignments and quizzes, even not know how to get that answer with Generative AI, it should be the cheat.

I: Thank you for your participation and the time you took for this interview. Your insights are really important to our research! Is there anything else you want to share about your experience or thoughts about Generative AI?

F: Okay, I may want to have a conclusion for the questions I answered. I think generative AI is a powerful tool for us, we should not avoid using it since it may make a bad impact on us. If we use this tool right, we can just improve ourselves.

I: Do you have any questions?

F: No, thank you.

I: You are welcome.Thanks again for your participation! Have a good day!