

Assignment One: Externalization of African Tacit Knowledge for Creative Endeavours

Tacit knowledge refers to the valuable information, skills, and insights that individuals possess but often cannot easily express or articulate. This form of knowledge is deeply embedded in cultural, social, and experiential contexts and plays a crucial role in various aspects of human life. In this assignment, you are required to explore the externalization of some aspect of tacit knowledge that you possess as an individual, or as part of a wider social grouping. The aim is to make this knowledge more explicit, so that it can be shared with others.

Follow the steps below to complete the assignment:

1. **Background:** Begin by explaining in detail the concept of tacit knowledge, its importance, and the various methods used to externalize it. Explore the cultural and historical significance of tacit knowledge within African societies.
2. **Choose your tacit knowledge:** Identify specific areas where tacit knowledge is crucial in our African societies. These could include traditional medicine, agriculture, oral storytelling, art, music, craftsmanship, and more. Select one of these areas to focus on in your assignment. Conduct a comprehensive investigation into the chosen aspect of tacit knowledge, through research, critical analysis, and reflection on the ways in which this tacit knowledge is applied and shared within your communities and beyond.
3. **Analyze the process of externalizing the tacit knowledge.** Consider the methods, tools, and mediums used to transform tacit knowledge into explicit forms. Evaluate the impact of externalization on preserving and transmitting this knowledge across generations and regions.
4. **Cultural and Societal Significance** Discuss the cultural and societal significance of your externalized tacit knowledge within your communities. Explore how it contributes to identity, heritage, and community cohesion. Reflect on any challenges or conflicts that may arise when externalizing this knowledge.
5. **Contemporary Relevance** Examine the contemporary relevance of your externalized tacit knowledge in a globalized world. Discuss its potential contributions to sustainable development, creativity, innovation, and intercultural understanding.
6. **Conclusion** Summarize and draw conclusions about the externalization of your tacit knowledge. Reflect on the broader implications and the lessons that can be learned from your approaches to externalizing tacit knowledge.
7. **Recommendations** Provide recommendations for preserving, promoting, and further externalizing tacit knowledge in the Ugandan or African context, considering the challenges and opportunities identified in your work.

BOOK FORMAT:

Please follow these prompts:

- Include your full name at the top of the assignment.
- Essays should be 60 pages in length (approx. 15,000 words); double spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins.
- Please save the essays as a single document in word (.doc or .docx format, **not .pdf**).
- Label your file with this convention: Surname.FirstNamePCI2023 (*i.e. Batte.GeorgePCI2023.docx*)

DUE DATE: Thursday 26th October, 2023.

Assessment Criteria: Your assignment will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Depth of understanding and critical analysis.
2. Clear and coherent organization of ideas.
3. Integration of real-world examples.
4. Insightful conclusions and recommendations.