1) Essay topic

Onya, Tessera, Myers, and Flisher (2012) claim that there are “several intrapersonal, interpersonal and environmental risk factors [associated with] adolescent alcohol use” (p. 352). Discuss each of these factors, and identify which factor is likely to be the most influential in the development of adolescent alcohol abuse and dependence.

Reference

Recommended reading for essay

In addition to the above two references, your essay should reference at least two additional references (either journal articles and/or books).

2) Essay instructions

You are required to write an essay in two consecutive parts for Psychology 101. Each part will be handed in and marked at the same time. Part 1 (an essay plan/outline) is due on at the same time as your essay (i.e., Part 2: final essay) which is due on Friday 20th April.

**Part 1: Essay plan/outline** – Due Friday 20th April (load on Learn by 16h00)

Your essay plan/outline should:

- **Not be longer than 1½ pages**
- **Be typed in 12 point font** (Times New Roman font).
- Have your name, student number, tutor’s name, and tutorial group number typed on the top of the first page (do not include a separate cover page)
- **Include an “Introduction” paragraph** (5-7 lines) (3 marks)
- Include a creative and original plan/outline (i.e., in point form or as a mind map) of the “Body” of the essay (10 marks + 2 marks for creativity/originality). Important points:
  - Do not write full sentences in your plan/outline.
  - However, you must reference (in correct APA format) where you got your points and ideas from
  - Also, try to show how the points or ideas in the plan/outline connect to each other.
- **Include a “Conclusion” paragraph** (5-7 lines) (3 marks)
- Include a **Reference list** with at least four references (2 marks)

Submission instructions:

- You can use the template provided for Part 1 of your essay (see “Psych 101 Essay Part 1 template” document loaded on Learn – save this template as your own document and then type your essay plan in this document).
- You should load your MS Word document with your essay plan/outline onto Learn site (see guideline document titled “How to load your part 1 essay plan onto Learn”)

< This task aims to develop your capacity to plan, construct, and revise an academic essay >
Part 2: Final essay - Due Friday 20th April (load on Learn by 16h00)

Your final essay should:

- Be two to three pages long, **typed in 12 point font** with **1.5 line spacing** (Times New Roman font)
- Have your name, student number, tutor’s name, and tutorial group number typed on the top of the first page (do not include a separate cover page)
- Be written using full sentences and appropriate academic language/style (3 marks)
- Include an “Introduction” paragraph (5-7 lines) (5 marks)
- Include a “Body” of the essay (in full sentences) (25 marks + 3 marks for original points)
  - You may use headings and sub-headings
  - You must reference in the correct APA format (marks will be deducted here for incorrect referencing)
  - You should follow a logical flow of ideas, and try to show how ideas and points are related to one another (marks will be deducted here for problems with writing style and flow of logic)
  - Follow an academic style (i.e., no spelling errors, accurate punctuation and grammar, neat presentation, and use of appropriate academic language [i.e., no jargon/cliché’s])
- Include a “Conclusion” paragraph (5-7 lines) (5 marks)
- Include a Reference list with at least four references (5 marks)

Submission instructions:

- Finalise your essay by using the feedback you receive from your essay plan/outline (i.e. Part1).
- You should load your final essay (i.e., Part 2) (in a MS Word document) onto the Learn site.

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### 3) Assessment criteria: Part 1 and Part 2 of the essay will be assessed as follows:

#### Part 1: Essay plan/outline (............./20)
- Does the essay plan/outline have at least three sections (i.e., Introduction, Body, Conclusion)?
- Does the Introduction indicate the topic adequately and what will follow in the Body? (3 marks)
- Does the plan/outline of the Body cover the topic adequately (remembering these will eventually cover approx. 2/3 pages)? Are there sub-sections within the plan/outline of the Body? Are in-text citations in the correct APA format? To what extent are different components within the sections and sub-sections of the plan/outline shown to be logically related? (10 marks)
- To what extent is the essay plan/outline creative and original? (2 marks)
- Does the Conclusion show an adequate summary of the essay? (3 marks)
- How accurate is the Reference list (APA format)? Are all prescribed readings included? Are there sufficient additional readings? (2 marks)

#### Part 2: Final essay (............./45)

**Introduction** (5 marks)
- Is the topic stated adequately? Has brief background to the topic been included? Is there an indication of the content to come?

**Body** (25 marks + 3 marks for original ideas)
- Are the points relevant to the topic? Is there adequate coverage of the topic? Are sub-sections logically arranged? Are in-text citations in the correct APA format? Are there any original points?

**Conclusion** (5 marks)
- Does the conclusion refer back to the topic? Is there some brief summary of the essay content?

**Reference** (5 marks)
- Have the prescribed readings been used and referenced, and are there at least two other references?
- Is the reference list in the correct APA format?
- Do all in-text citations appear in the reference list?
- Do all references in the reference list appear in the text?

**Academic style** (2 marks)
- Spell check, punctuation, presentation, grammar, terminology? How has the feedback from part 1 been used?