2) Essay topic

Miles is 75 years old. He has been married to his wife for 45 years. He feels that relationships should be nurtured to enhance one’s understanding in relation to others. Miles and his friend, whom he met when they were in university when he was 20 years old, alternate visiting each other during weekends. During the week, he goes to the youth centre that he helped to establish when he was 50 years old and spends time with the young people at this facility. He listens to their problems and tries to offer advice and teaches them skills such as carpentry just as he did when he first started going to the centre. Miles is very content with this life.

Discuss the young adulthood, middle adulthood and late adulthood stages of the psychosocial theory in relation to the above case study. Look at the crises that are associated with each stage and how these might have contributed to shaping Miles’s personality.

3) Readings

You may search for and reference two - four credible (i.e., peer-reviewed) sources for your essay. Information from general websites (e.g., Wikipedia) is usually not regarded as credible. Rather do a search on the UKZN library systems for books and/or journal articles (as demonstrated during lectures).

You may also use chapter 4 & 5 of your prescribed text book.

4) Assessment criteria: Your assignment will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Your essay (............../50)

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 (30 marks)
• Are the points relevant to the topic?
• Is there adequate coverage of the topic?
• Are sub-sections logically arranged (e.g., chronological or thematic?)
• Are links made to the topic?

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

References and style (10 marks)
• Are in-text citations in the correct APA format?
• 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?
• Spell check, punctuation, presentation, grammar?