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Examiner One Corrections

a. Introduction

Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the research report.

b. Literature Review

Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the research report.

c. Methodology

- Bullet 1: Since the research was mainly a desktop study, and did not involve any field work, the author felt that the methodology described in Chapter 1 would be sufficient to give the reader a good idea of how the research would be conducted. A further expansion of the methodology would just include a repetition of what was described in Section 1.7 of the report.
- Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the research report.

d. Discussion – Results and Analysis

- Bullet 1: One of the challenges with the research was the level of information that was available for the Ghanaian mining towns. Research on the Ghana mining towns is not as extensive as that in Johannesburg. Although the available information for the Ghanaian towns could support the argument presented by the research, it lacked the detail that is contained by the Johannesburg because of the lack of information available.
- Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the research report.

e. Conclusion

Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the research report.

f. Referencing

Corrected as examiner indicated in research report.

g. Report Format and Structure

- Point (i) – The last paragraph was removed from the abstract.
- Point (ii) – The start-off of Chapter 1 was restructured to start with an overview / introduction.
- Points (iii-vii) – Corrections were made as indicated by the examiner in the report.
- Point (vii) – The report re-formatted according to the Faculty's thesis guide book.
- Corrections were made in the areas that were indicated by the examiner in the research report.

Examiner Two Corrections

a. Cover page and declaration

- "Thesis" was changed to research report

b. Miscellaneous

- p18 Report Structure Outline: The page number has now changed to page 22. The "Chapter 1" in the last sentence of "Chapter 2: Analysis of existing literature" has been changed to "Chapter 2". The "Chapter 3" in the first sentence of "Chapter 4: A case study of the Ghanaian Mining Areas of Tarkwa and Obuasi" has been changed to "Chapter 4".
- P27: Incomplete sentence. The sentence has been completed to "Rapid migration has brought social challenges such as increased alcohol and drug abuse"
- p42: New sentence included in first paragraph of section 3.1.1
- p49: "pounds" changed to "USD" and "dollars" changed to "USD".
- P49: Incomplete sentence. Corrected to "One of the ways in which cost reduction was achieved was by improving rail infrastructure from underground to surface. Rail infrastructure was also developed between the Transvaal area and the major ports of South Africa."
- p53: R&D repetition could not be identified. The student does not understand the examiners note.
- p56: Reference corrected.
- p57: Noted
- p59: The student does not understand the examiners note.
- p67: The "ounces" was supposed to be "tonnes". Wording changed to "Tonnes".
- p76: 52.28 million changed to 52.58 million.
- p79: This sentence was completed and changed to: "A community project which is aimed at teaching the locals about agriculture".
- p91: The n/a's in table 10 (now table were replaced with better wording such as "weak", "non-existent" etc.
- p100: Sentence corrected to "The second point of concern is the way in which mineral revenue is invested"
- p102: Table 6.1 cross referenced, error message removed.

- General:
    i. Most of the figured that were taken from sources were first “saved as an image” and then copied and pasted into the report, the quality of these pictures is the same as the quality from the source. The older information and some information obtained from the library books was scanned and copied into the report, this resulted deteriorated quality of images. While correcting the author attempted to take HD photos of the scanned images, but the quality was even poorer.
    ii. The n/a in most of the blocks indicates that information was not available. This is to emphasize the gaps of information that exist in some of the research fields especially in Ghana. However, some n/a were seen to be irrelevant and removed.
    iii. Noted. This is mentioned in the report.
    iv. The chapter was concluded as requested by the examiner
    v. The repetitive statements that were observed by the examiner were removed by the author during the final proof reading of the report.