

CHAPTER 1 QUIZ: STRATEGIES FOR ONLINE LEARNING SUCCESS

1. Successful online students believe they will succeed. They approach the online experience as a challenge, one they will gladly meet. This is known as:
 - a. Positivism
 - b. Pessimism
 - c. Polarity
 - d. All of the above

Answer: a. Positivism.

Positivism is the attitude with which successful students approach the online experience. When confronted with real or perceived problems, they identify the “silver lining” and do something meaningful with it.

2. Online students do not really need to communicate or connect with their peers.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Answer: b. False.

Successful online students know the basics of establishing and maintaining good relationships. By e-mailing or instant messaging faculty and peers and through participation in chats and discussion boards, you can connect with people well and often.

3. Your online school should be certified by an agency such as the Distance Education and Training Council to have met all formal official requirements of academic excellence, curriculum, and facilities. This certification is known as:
 - a. Diplomacy
 - b. Accreditation
 - c. Recognition
 - d. Tuition

Answer: b. Accreditation.

Distance degree programs are accredited by regional or professional accrediting agencies. Some schools may claim accreditation without having it. Applying for a job with a phony degree is punishable as fraud and could include a fine or imprisonment, so check your school’s accreditation!

4. A “school” that sells an education but cuts out everything between the “tuition” and the “diploma” is known as a:
 - a. Professional program
 - b. Distance learning
 - c. Diploma mill
 - d. Remote college

Answer: c. Diploma mill.

Diploma mills have sprung up to meet the increasing demands of students looking for online education with fast results—but have cut out everything between the “tuition” and the “diploma.” Applying for a job with a phony degree is punishable as fraud and could include a fine or imprisonment. Keep in mind that if a degree program sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

5. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that a dozen of the fastest growing occupations require either a bachelor’s or an associate’s degree.
- True
 - False

Answer: a. True.

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6. All of the following are career benefits of online learning, *except*:
- More skills
 - Better pay
 - Job advancement
 - Easier curriculum

Answer: d. Easier curriculum.

Online learning gives you more skills and sets you up for better pay and job advancement. While today’s online learners can complete a college education from home at any time of the day, it is a mistake to think that the curriculum is any easier. Degree requirements and course work can be just as rigorous as traditional college and you should be prepared to work just as hard.

7. When you are writing your goals, ensure that they are:
- Stated positively
 - Detailed and specific
 - High enough to be challenging
 - All of the above

Answer: d. All of the above.

Setting goals is crucial to your success in online learning. By setting goals, you plan a “roadmap” for what you want to achieve and how you’d like to get there. When you write down your goals, ensure that they are stated positively, detailed and specific, and high enough to be challenging.

8. Which of the following is *not* a good way to get organized?
- Select a filing system that works for you.
 - Make charts, lists, and diagrams to organize information.
 - Procrastinate difficult assignments.
 - Use the Internet as a resource to develop your organizational skills.

Answer: c. Procrastinate difficult assignments.

Procrastination results in the need to rush, and rushing can create disorganized work. Instead of procrastinating, use the Internet to develop your organizational skills, make charts, lists, and diagrams to organize information, and select a filing system that works for you.

9. Good time management starts with assessing what must be accomplished each day. Which of the following is a good time management skill?
- a. Focus on one thing at a time.
 - b. Prioritize your tasks.
 - c. Determine your most productive times of the day.
 - d. All of the above.

Answer: d. All of the above.

Effective time management includes all of the above: focusing on one thing at a time, prioritizing your tasks, and determining your most productive times of the day.

10. Setting goals should include both short-term and long-term plans.
- a. True
 - b. False

Answer: a. True.

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