**CAREER SATISFACTION SURVEY AND ANALYSIS**

During early adulthood, one of the important tasks most people accomplish is choosing a career. As adults continue to grow and develop, they evaluate and re-evaluate their attitudes toward their career choices. During the middle adulthood stage, some research suggests that people may change careers due to a midlife re-evaluation of job satisfaction that reflects changing priorities. Economic conditions may force others to consider different career paths as a consequence of job loss. During early adulthood, changing career paths may be a result of many factors—economic, social, as well as specific factors particular to the individual learning more about the actual nature of the work once having done the work for a period of time.

For this homework assignment, you are to ask six adults—three from early adulthood and three from middle adulthood—in various jobs or careers to complete the following questionnaire.

Your paper should be typed and double-spaced, using 12-point font. Include a cover page with your name, assignment title, date, and course number. The paper should be approximately 2 – 3 pages in length.

In writing your summary response paper, please analyze your subjects’ responses in order to discuss what patterns that you find that relate to career satisfaction and dissatisfaction. How important is career to overall life satisfaction and happiness? Finally, when you consider certain social factors like age, race, culture, historical events, etc., what else might you consider as important in a more general analysis of career satisfaction? Please make reference to pertinent text information to reinforce your discussion. Attach completed questionnaires with your summary response paper.

**CAREER SATISFACTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. What do you consider to be the top three most important characteristics of a satisfying career?
2. What characteristics of a job or career would contribute to your decision to NOT pursue that particular profession?
3. If you have left a job or career path, what factors contributed most to this change?
4. If you are highly dissatisfied with your job, but have not left the position, what factors keep you working?
5. What would be, for you, the “dream” career or occupation? Why?
6. Is your current career close to fitting the criteria for your “dream” job? If yes, do you anticipate staying in this profession for a significant number of years? Why or why not?
7. How important is career in achieving overall happiness and life satisfaction? Please explain.
8. What advice do you have for college students currently in the process of choosing a career path?

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