**Harvard Referencing Sample Assignment**

I am writing this assignment to illustrate how referencing using the Harvard style should look in your own essays/assignments. (Cottrell, 2019) It’s not a real essay and only intended as an illustration so, a lot of it may not make sense. Some of the references are also made up and you will not be able to source some of the items listed. Hopefully, it will help you understand the Harvard style and provide a good example of how an essay, properly referenced should look. To make writing this easier I have used the referencing tab in word to add my citations (in text reference) and the reference list. A short video and explanation on how to use the referencing tab is available if needed. (Microsoft, 2023) (This reference is real)

Learning how to reference properly is an important part your college experience (Open University, 2022) Most Universities and Colleges offer guidance and support for their students on how to reference. The College offers a range of materials via Moodle, their Virtual Learning Environment (West Lothian College, 2023) The importance of good research is often highlighted in the media (Brown, 2020) however, some students struggle to understand the relevance, especially when stressed by essay deadlines. It’s Important that you keep making the effort, like a lot of things, the more you do it the easier it becomes. In some instances, a good reference list can raise your overall marks difference between

In a recent survey (Whitehill, 2022) about the top 20 lessons learned while at College, the Harvard referencing system was placed in 4th position!

(The reference to Microsoft (2023) and West Lothian College (2023) are both real references and worth having a look at.)

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