Introduction Session 03

Lecture Title: Undergraduate Diploma

Lecturer: Mr Angelito Sciberras

Date: 1 October 2025

~~Tuesday 30 September 2025~~	~~Introductions~~ ~~The Academy~~
~~Tuesday 30 September 2025~~	~~Staying in Malta~~
Wednesdsay 1 October 2025	The Study Programme Assignments Presentations Reflective Diary
Wednesdsay 1 October 2025	Using Power Point

Relevance to the Study Programme

- Assignment - Research & Writing
- Presentations - Pitch and Sales

UDBA & UDDM The Study Programme

- Undergraduate Diploma in…
  - MQF Level 5
  - 60 ECTS
  - 7 modules
    - 6 exit awards

UDHS The Study Programme

- Undergraduate Diploma in…
  - MQF Level 5
  - 60 ECTS
  - 9 modules
    - 9 exit awards
    - 2 undergraduate certificates

60 ECTS - UDBA

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Self-Study Hours 836 (Estimated workload of research and study)	Assessment Hours 310 (Examinations/ presentations/ group work/ projects, etc.)

1,500 hours

Creating a Business	**8**
Financial Analysis	8
Marketing and Research	8
Strategic Management	8
Human Resource Management	8
Managing data and its implications	8
Research Project	12

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Self-Study Hours (Estimated workload of research and study)	770	Assessment Hours (Examinations/ presentations/ group work/ projects, etc.)	430

1,500 hours

Module	ECTS
Health & Safety Essentials	12
Construction Hazards & Risk Control	12
First Aid at the Work Place	3
Health & Safety Legislation	3
Risk Management in Practice	5

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Managing Physical Hazards	5
Managing Occupational Health Risks	4
Managing Chemical Biological and Psychological Risks	4
Risk Assessment Evaluation and Control	8

UDBA - Modules & Time Table

Monday sessions:	09:30 to 12:30hrs
Wednesday sessions:	17:30hrs to 20:30hrs
Saturday:	09:00hrs to 17:00hrs

Room 3

UDDM - Modules & Time Table

Tuesday sessions:	17:30hrs to 20:30hrs
Thursday sessions:	09:00hrs to 17:00hrs
Saturday:	09:30 to 12:30hrs

Rooms 1 & 2

UDHS - Modules & Time Table

Monday sessions:	17:30hrs to 20:30hrs
Wednesday sessions:	17:30hrs to 20:30hrs
Thursday:	17:30hrs to 20:30hrs

Room 3 on Monday and Thursday
Room 1 on Wednesday

UDBA & UDDM Modules & Time Table

In-between Modules: No mid-week Session

Christmas Recess: 22 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

Easter Recess: 30 March 2026 - 12 April 2026

Summer Recess: 01 August 2026 - 15 August 2026

UDHS Modules & Time Table

Christmas Recess: 22 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

Easter Recess: 30 March 2026 - 12 April 2026

Summer Recess: 01 August 2026 - 15 August 2026

UDBA Modules & Time Table

Session 01:	Saturday	8 hours	Self-Assessment Sitting 1
Session 02:	Wednesday	3 hours	
Session 03:	Saturday	8 hours	
Session 04:	Wednesday	3 hours	Face to Face Hours - 41 hours
Session 05:	Saturday	8 hours	
Session 06:	Wednesday	3 hours	
Session 07:	Saturday	8 hours	
Session 08:	Wednesday	3 hours	Self-Assessment Sitting 2
Session 09:	Saturday	3 hours	Supervised Hours (about assessment methods)
Session 10:	Wednesday	3 hours	
Session 11:	Saturday	3 hours	Presentations

Monday sessions: 09:30 to 12:30hrs

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UDDM Modules & Time Table

Session 01:	Thursday	8 hours	Self-Assessment Sitting 1
Session 02:	Tuesday	3 hours	
Session 03:	Thursday	8 hours	
Session 04:	Tuesday	3 hours	Face to Face Hours - 41 hours
Session 05:	Thursday	8 hours	
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Session 11:	Thursday	3 hours	Presentations

Saturday sessions: 09:30 to 12:30hrs

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Course Resource Centre

Link sent via email

- *policies and procedures*
- *information related to the study programme*
- *indicative schedule of each module's lectures*
- *access to module's, lectures' plan (gradually populated)*
- *academy's communications*
- *assignments' titles*

Assessment Methods

- *Self-Assessment - 15%*
  - *20 multiple choice questions*
  - *1st session of each module and session 8*
- *In-Class Group Presentation - 20%*
  - *2 groups of 5*
  - *Question/s to address - Course Resource Centre*
- *Reflective Notes - 10%*
  - *About the in-class group presentation*
- *Assignment - 55%*
  - *1,200 words*
  - *Question/s to address - Course Resource Centre*

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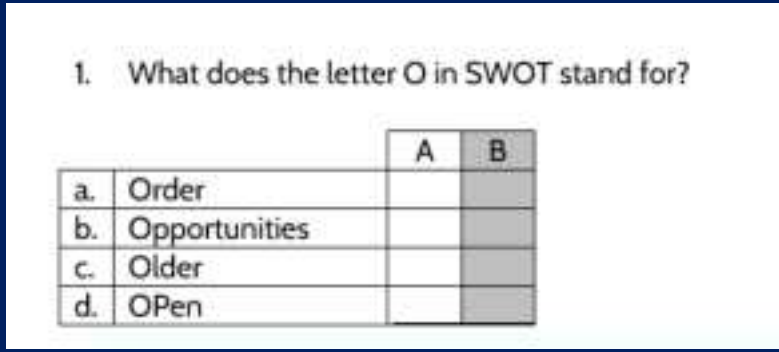
Self Assessment

- *During the first sitting choose what you believe is the correct answer for each of the 20 questions by ticking the box on the right next to the correct answer in Column A ONLY.*
- *In the second sitting you MUST either confirm your answer by ticking again the same box but in Column B or tick a new box next to what you now believe is the correct answer in Column B.*



1. What does the letter O in SWOT stand for?

		A	B
a.	Order		
b.	Opportunities		
c.	Older		
d.	OPen		

Correct answer in Session 1 receives 1 point

Correct answer in Session 2 confirming answer in Session 1 additional 1 point

Correct answer in Session 2 correcting wrong answer in Session 1 receives 2 points

Wrong answer in Session 2 with wrong answer in Session 1 receives O points

Wrong answer in Session 2 with correct answer in Session 1 receives -1 points

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Self Assessment

- *Maximum score* *40*
- *Weighted* *15*

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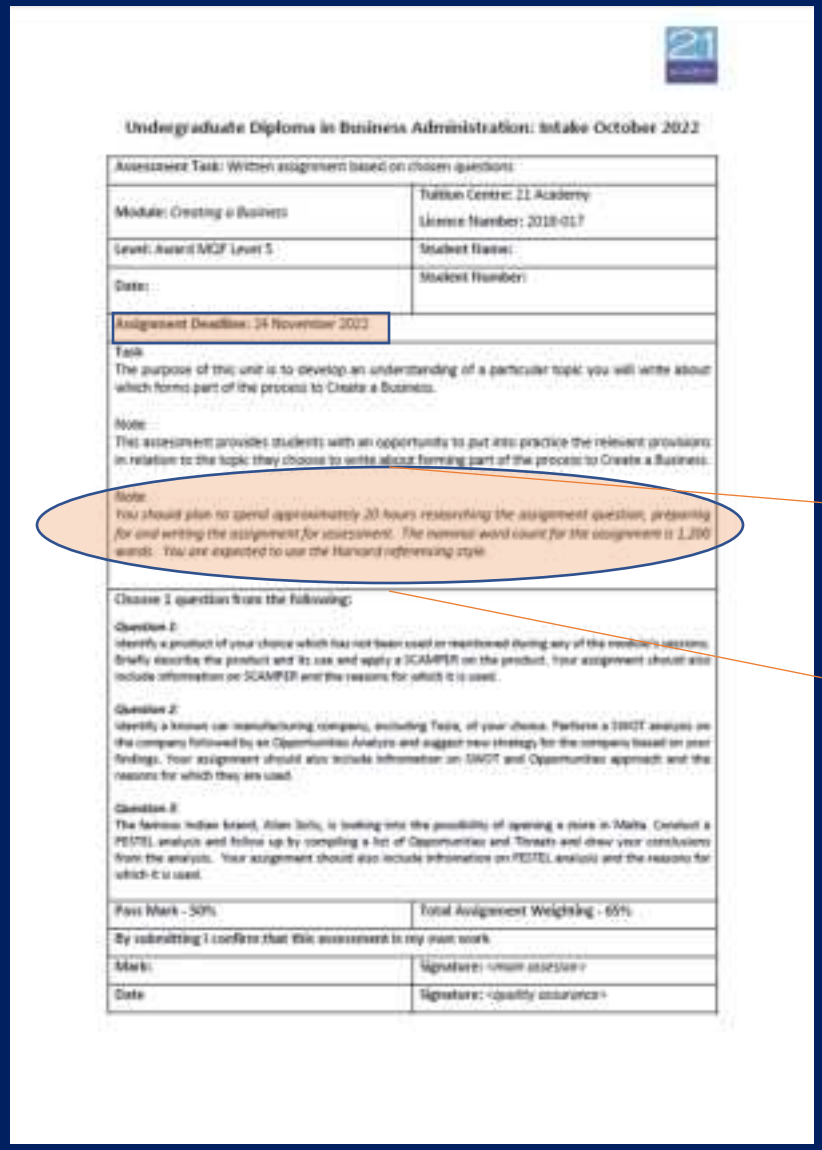
Assignment

- Student’s understanding of the subject
- Presentation
- Uniqueness (no plagiarism)
- Appropriate citations

Student's understanding of the subject



Undergraduate Diploma in Business Administration: Intake October 2022

Assessment Task: Written assignment based on chosen questions	
Module: Creating a Business	Tuition Centre: 21 Academy Licence Number: 2018-017
Level: Award MQF Level 5	Student Name:
Date:	Student Number:
Assignment Deadline: 24 November 2022	

Task
The purpose of this unit is to develop an understanding of a particular topic you will write about which forms part of the process to Create a Business.

Note
This assessment provides students with an opportunity to put into practice the relevant provisions in relation to the topic they choose to write about forming part of the process to Create a Business.

Note
You should plan to spend approximately 20 hours researching the assignment question, preparing for and writing the assignment for assessment. The nominal word count for the assignment is 1,200 words. You are expected to use the Harvard referencing style.

Choose 1 question from the following:

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Pass Mark - 50%	Total Assignment Weighting - 65%
By submitting I confirm that this assessment is my own work	
Mark:	Signature: <main assessor>
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- Assignment Submission Form
  - the due date
  - the word limit

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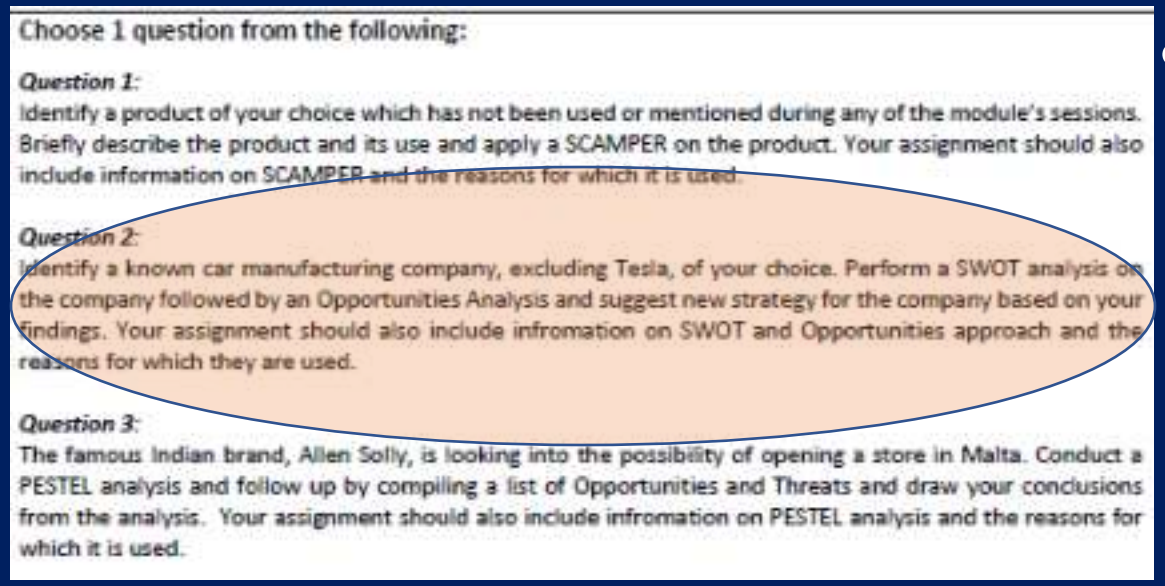
Student's understanding of the subject



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- Assignment Submission Form
  - Choose which question to answer
  - Read it well and understand it
  - Identify keywords

Understanding Assignments

Assignment Questions

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What are the steps you follow after having received the assignment questions?

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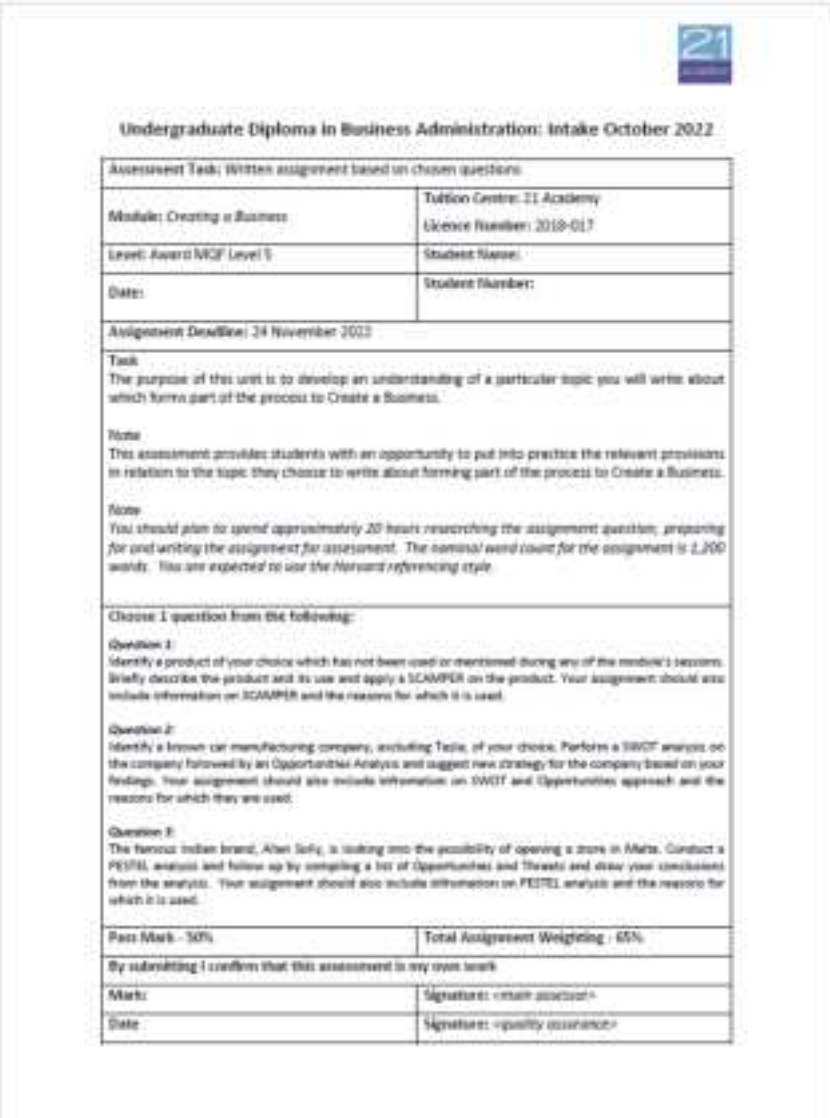

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- Read ALL the instructions
- Check deadline
- Read questions WELL
- Think about ALL of them

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You have decided which question to answer. What do you do next?

Keywords

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Preparing Assignments

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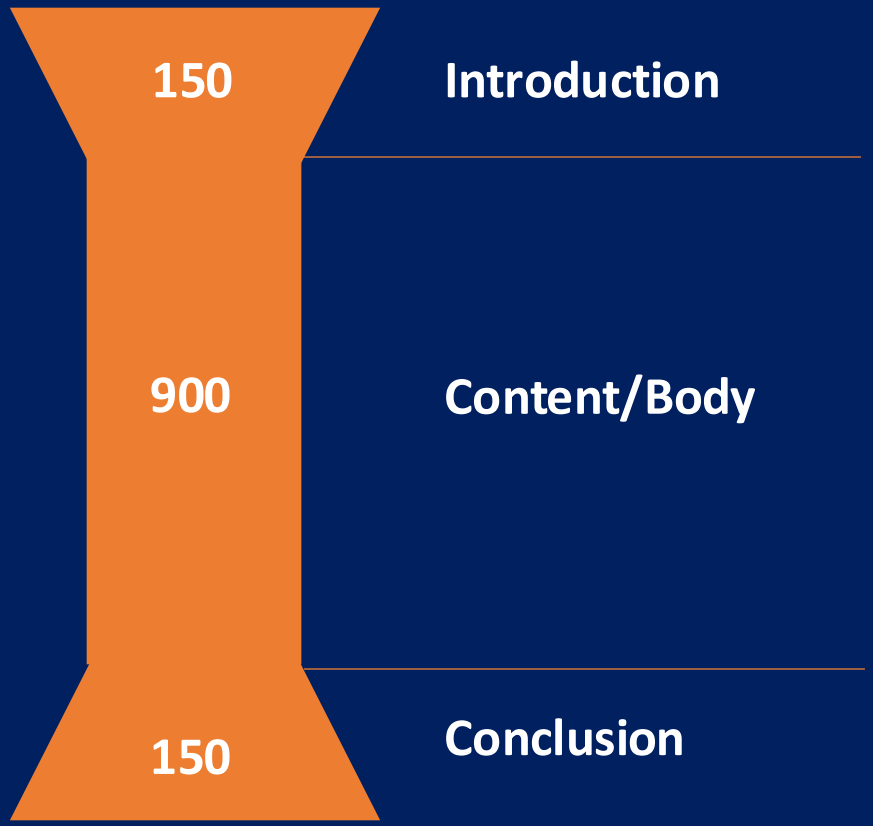
Writing & Submitting your Assignment

Assignment Guidelines

- Provide a standardised format for all assignments.
- Consistent structure not only enhances the professionalism of the work but also facilitates a smoother grading process.
- Adhering to these guidelines ensures clarity, readability, and uniformity across all submissions.

Download from Course Resource Centre: Assignment Guidelines

Assignment Plan



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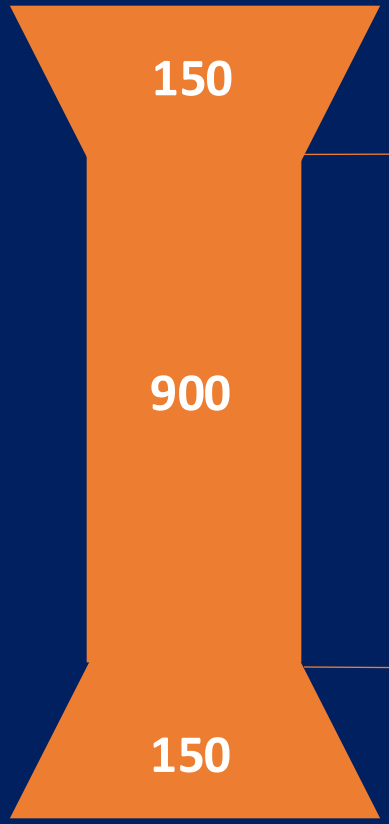

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Content/Body	PRESENT	DISCUSS - Research & Thoughts
Conclusion	FUTURE	SUGGEST - Closure

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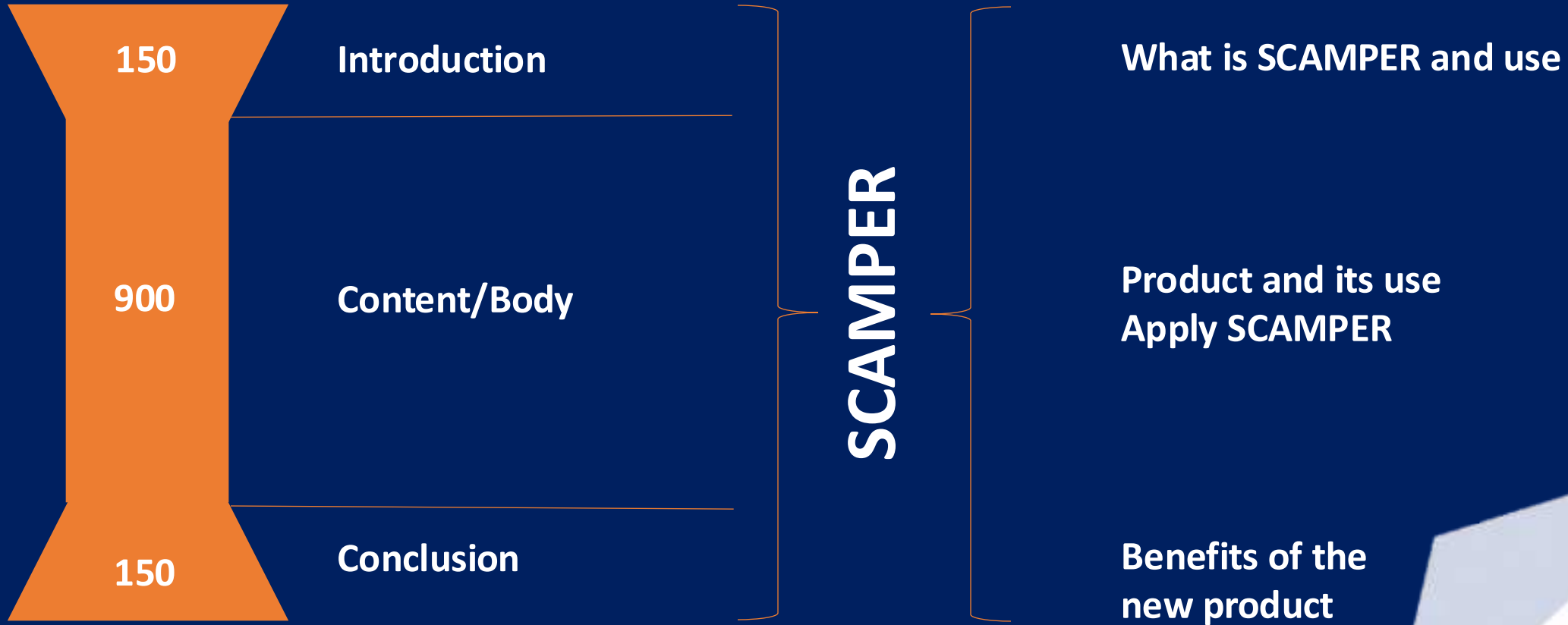

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Sources

- Resource Centre
- Lecture Notes/Slides
- Books - suggested reading lists
- Online

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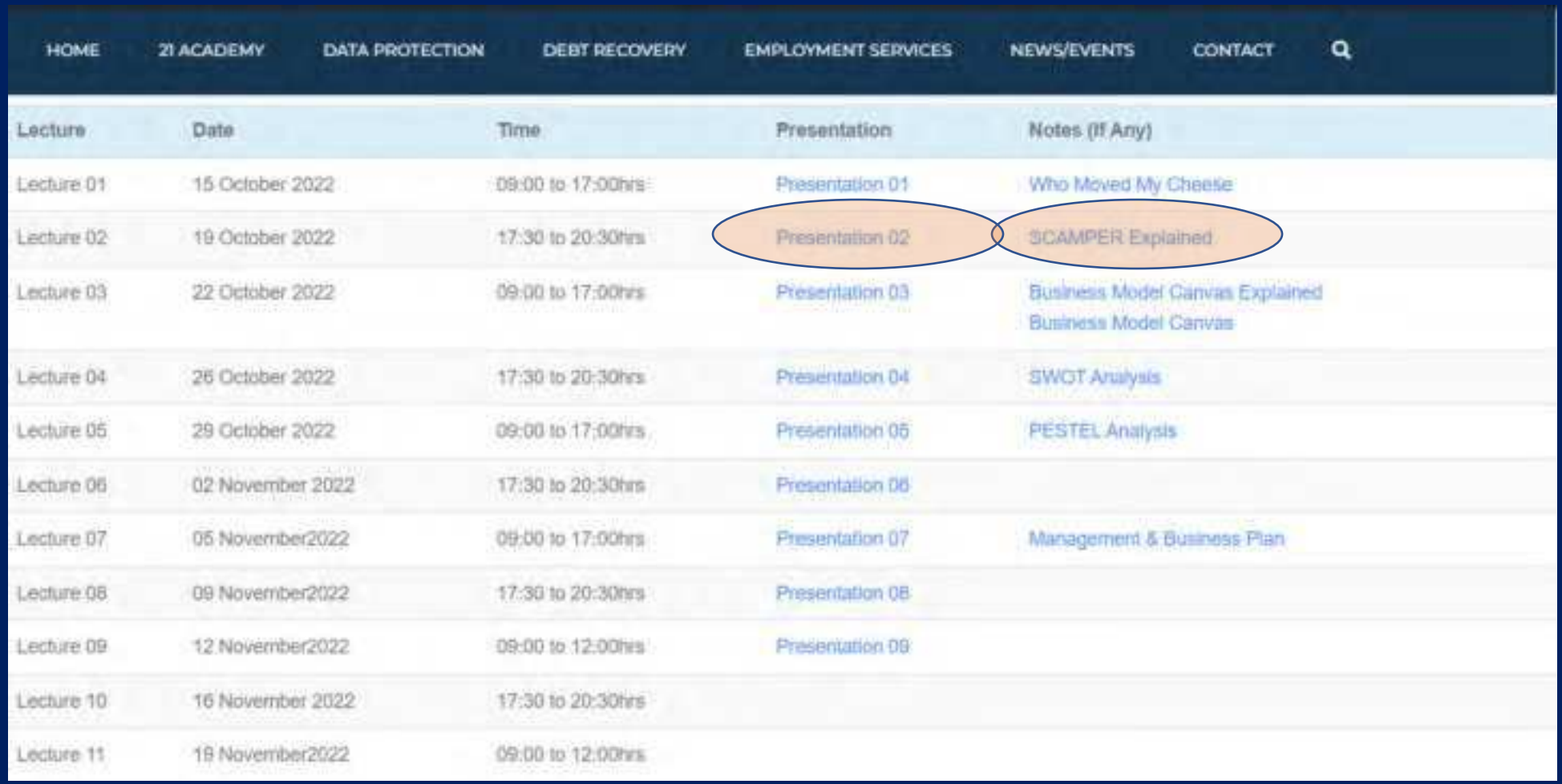

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Lecture 01	15 October 2022	09:00 to 17:00hrs	Presentation 01	Who Moved My Cheese
Lecture 02	19 October 2022	17:30 to 20:30hrs	Presentation 02	SCAMPER Explained
Lecture 03	22 October 2022	09:00 to 17:00hrs	Presentation 03	Business Model Canvas Explained Business Model Canvas
Lecture 04	26 October 2022	17:30 to 20:30hrs	Presentation 04	SWOT Analysis
Lecture 05	29 October 2022	09:00 to 17:00hrs	Presentation 05	PESTEL Analysis
Lecture 06	02 November 2022	17:30 to 20:30hrs	Presentation 06	
Lecture 07	05 November2022	09:00 to 17:00hrs	Presentation 07	Management & Business Plan
Lecture 08	09 November2022	17:30 to 20:30hrs	Presentation 08	
Lecture 09	12 November2022	09:00 to 12:00hrs	Presentation 09	
Lecture 10	16 November 2022	17:30 to 20:30hrs		
Lecture 11	19 November2022	09:00 to 12:00hrs		

Resource Centre

- Johnson, S., 2005. Who moved my cheese?. London: Vermilion.
- Blank, S., and Dorf, B., (2020). The startup owner's manual: The step-by-step guide for building a great company. John Wiley and Sons.

Lecture 2 - **Opportunities Part 1**

Following this session students will learn to:

- understand practical approaches to opportunity identification
- list practical day to day problems and come up with ideas to address them
- improve products by the application of SCAMPER
- convert one's own talents and/or skills into opportunities
- relate their newly acquired knowledge to real life success stories

Core Reading List

- Scarborough, N. M. and Cornwall, J. R., (2016). Essentials of entrepreneurship and small business management. London: Pearson.
- Mariotti, S. and Glackin, C., (2015). Entrepreneurship. 1st ed. Pearson International
- Ries, E., (2017). Startup Way - How Entrepreneurial Management Transforms Culture And Drives. 1st ed. Portfolio Penguin.

Supplementary Reading List

- Burns, P., (2007). Entrepreneurship and small business. NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

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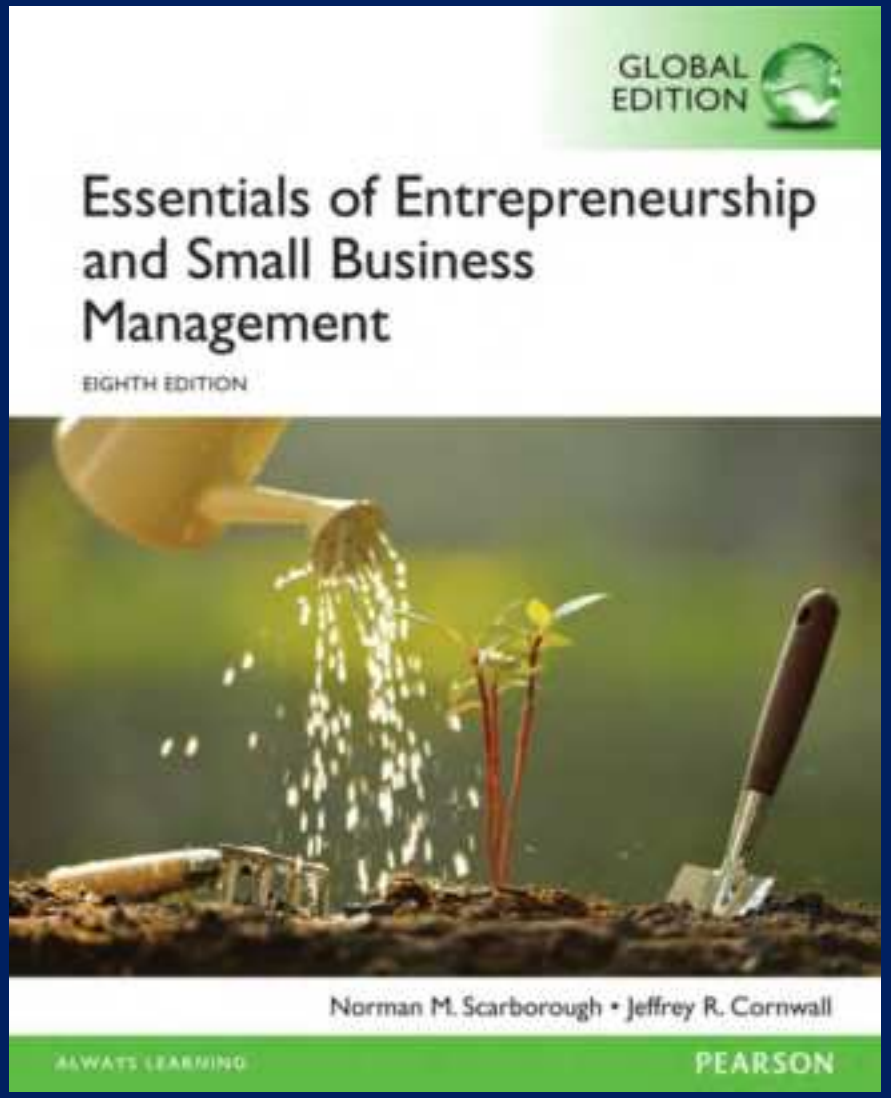

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- Avoid Wikipedia
- Use keywords

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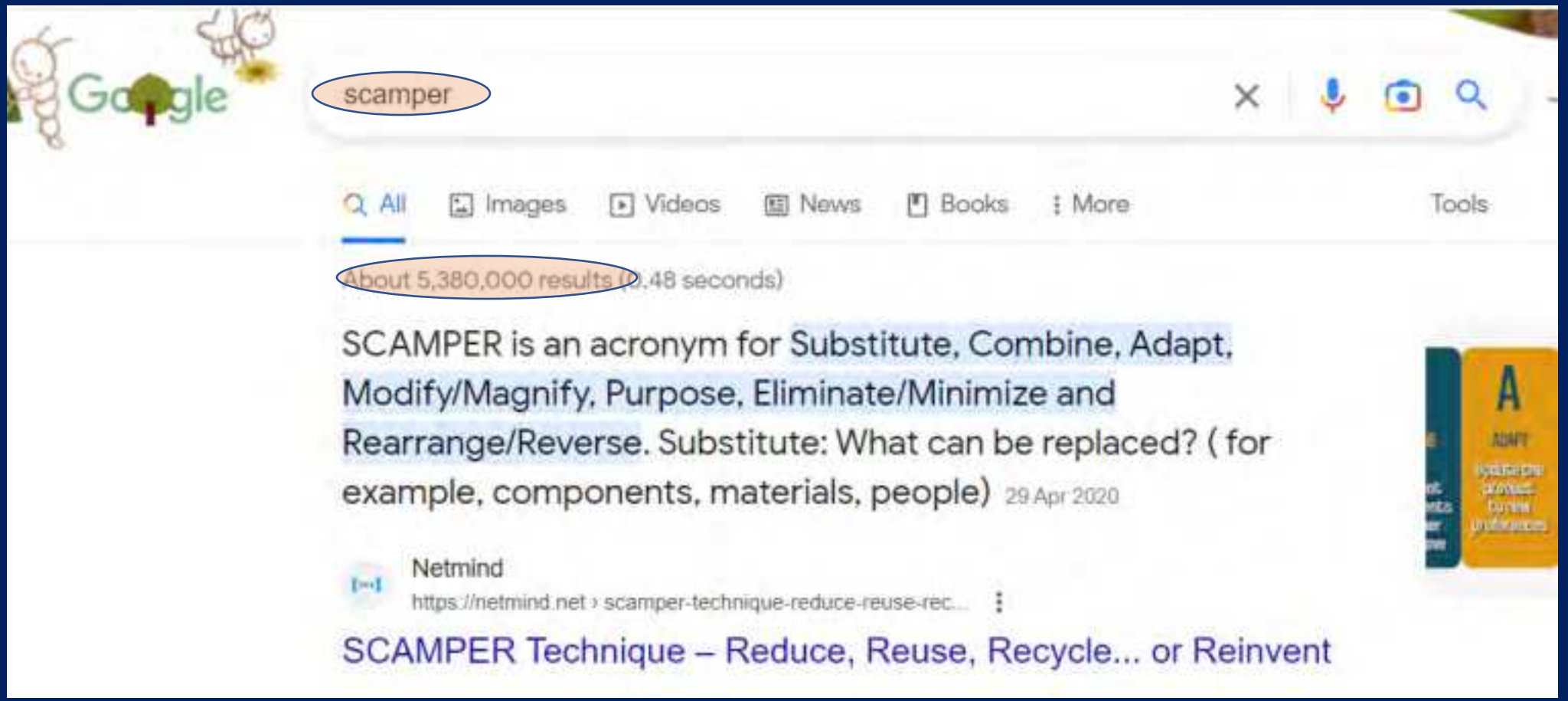
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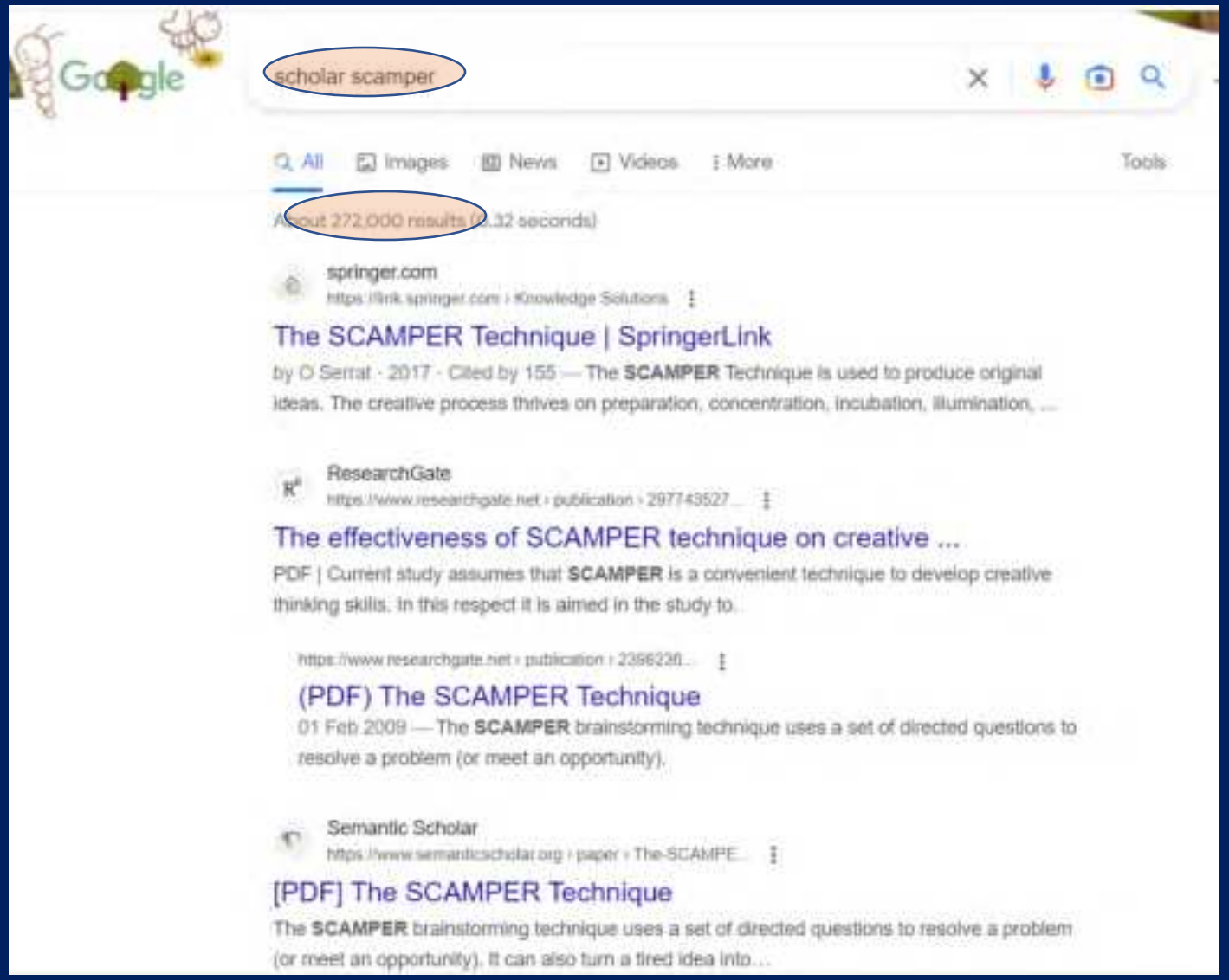
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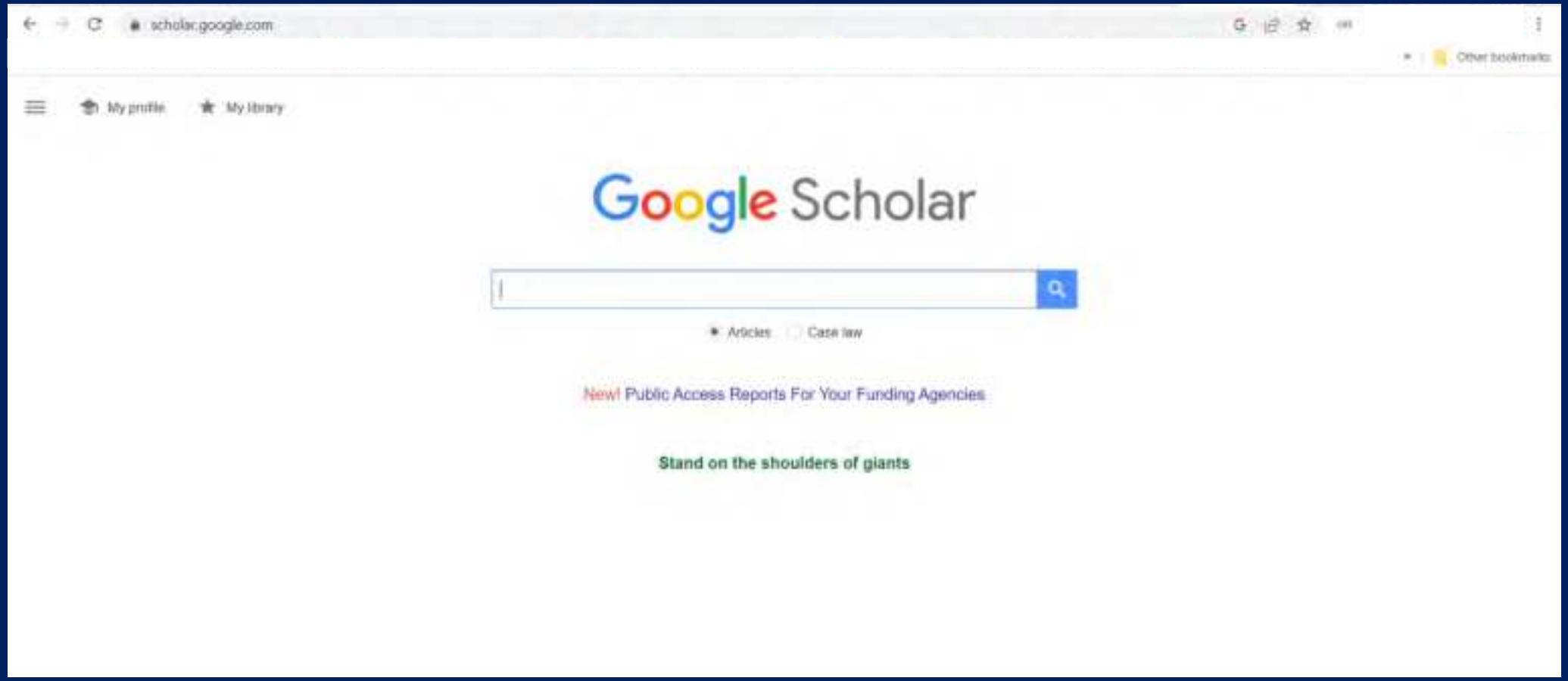
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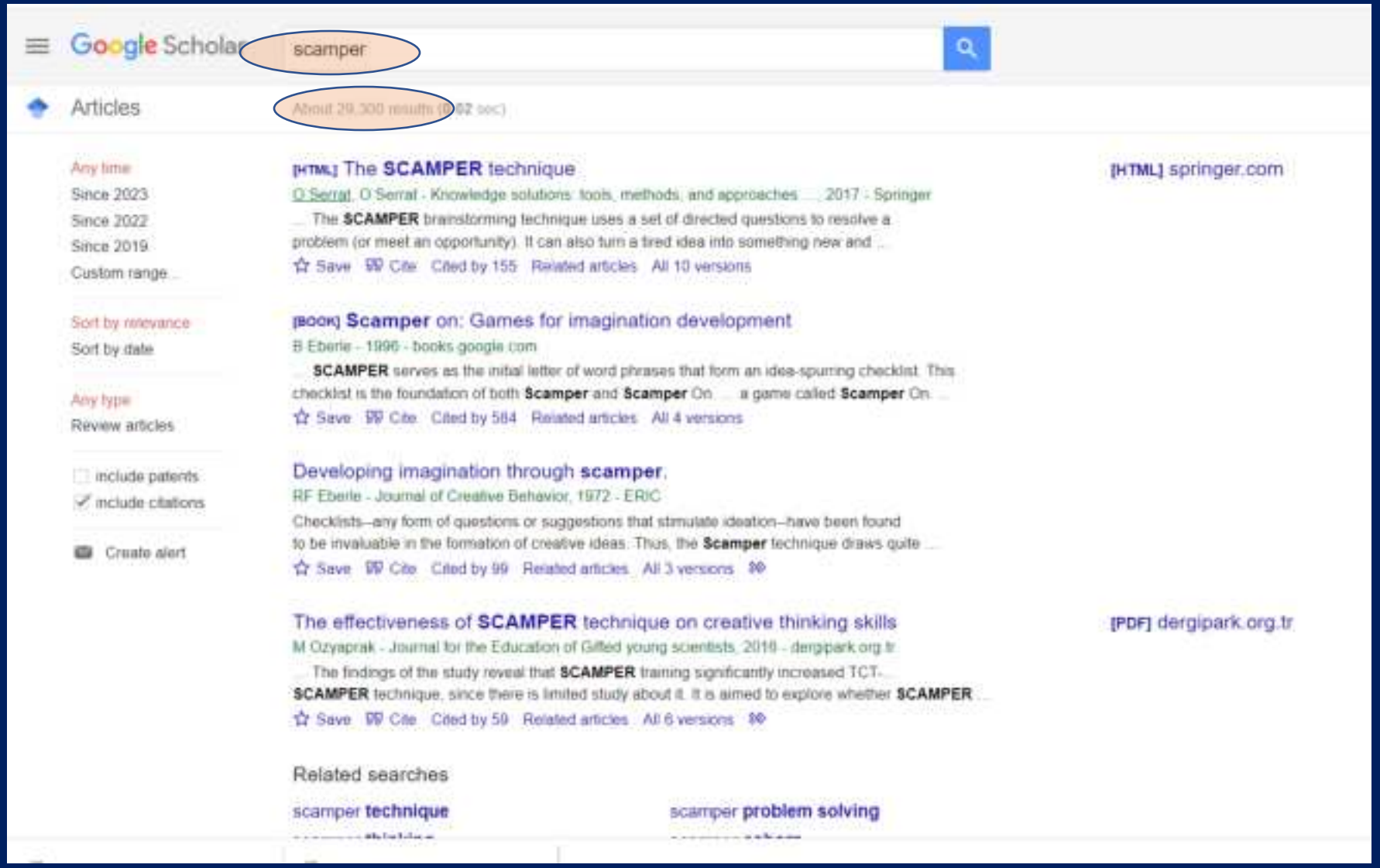
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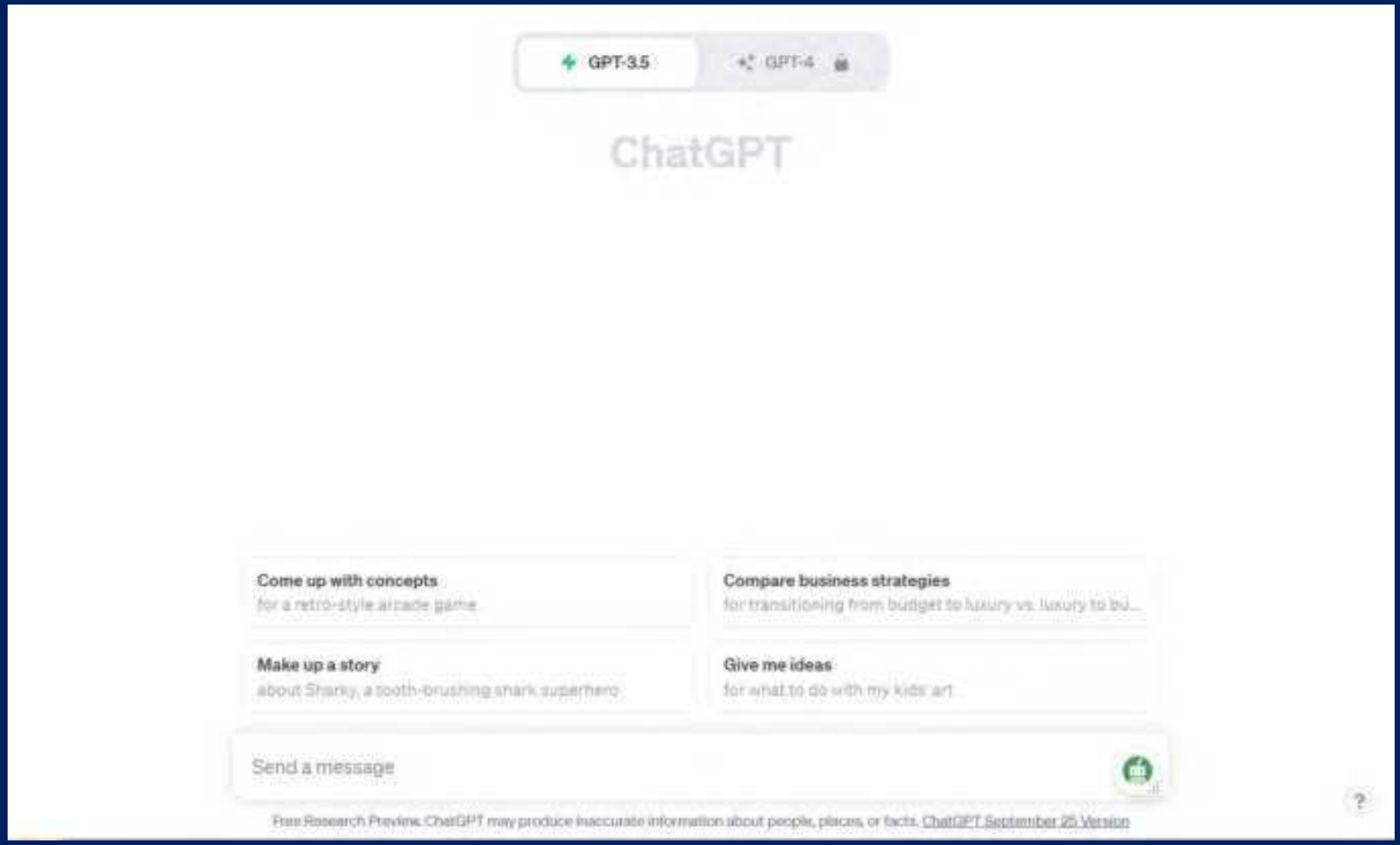
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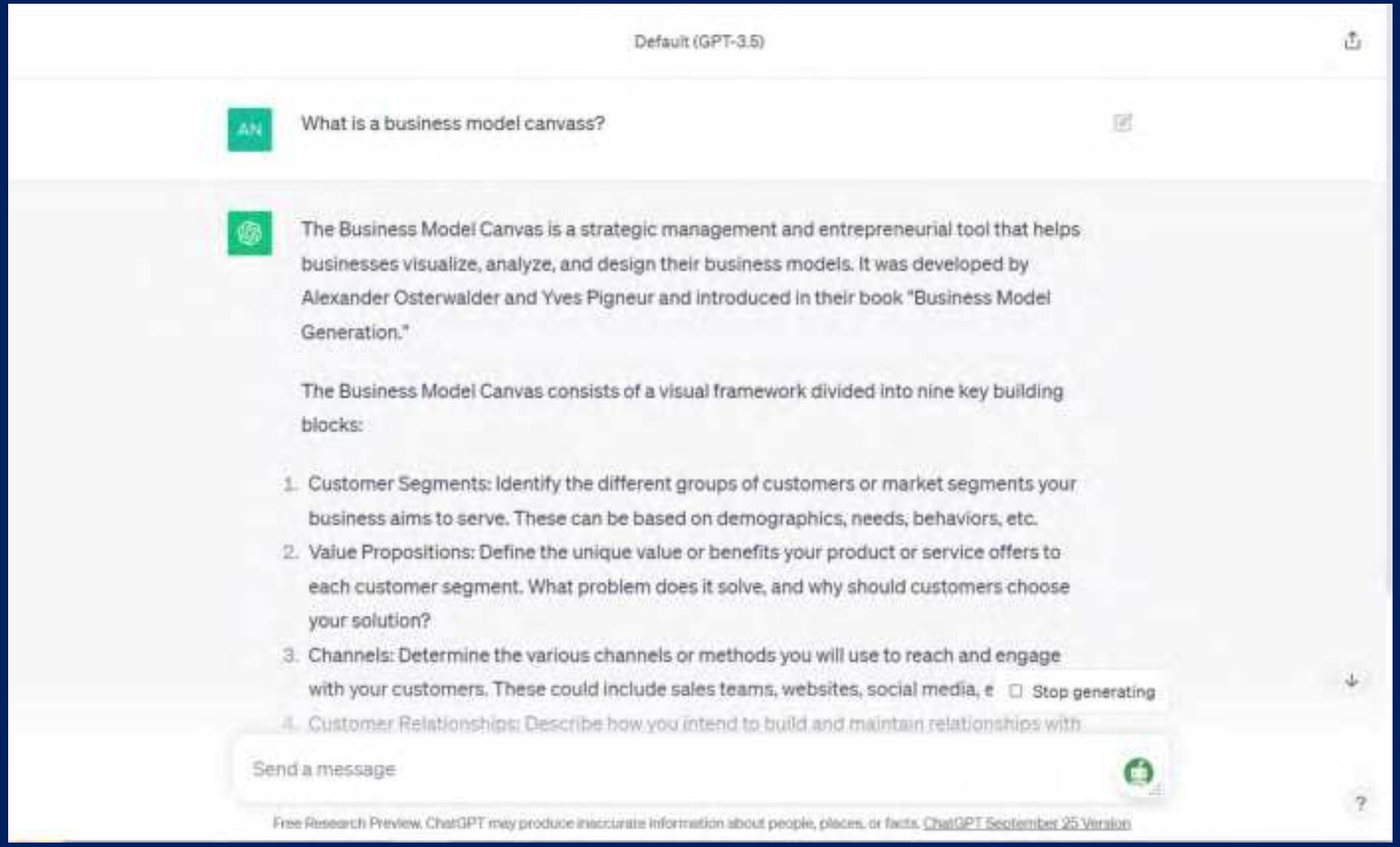
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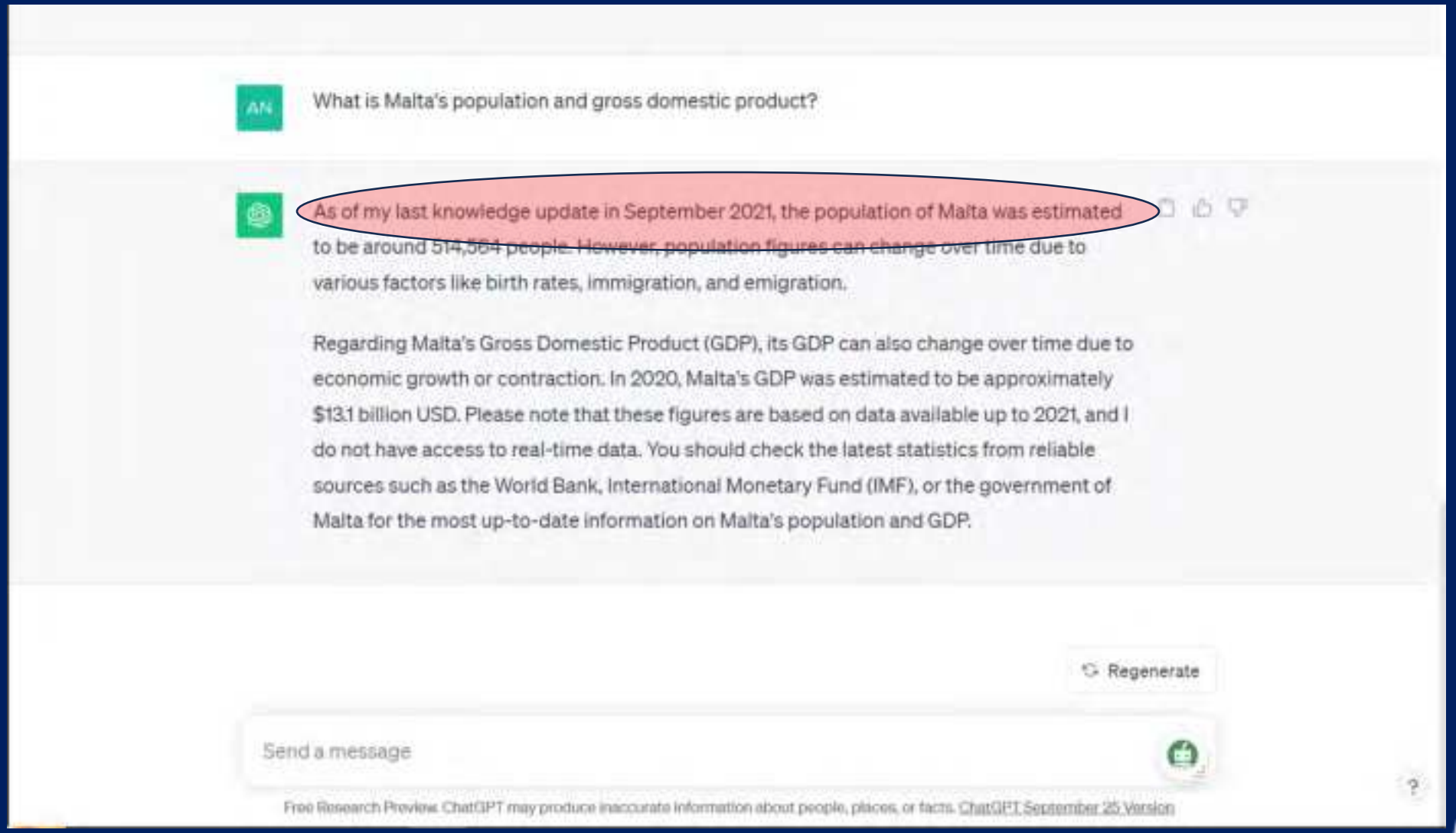

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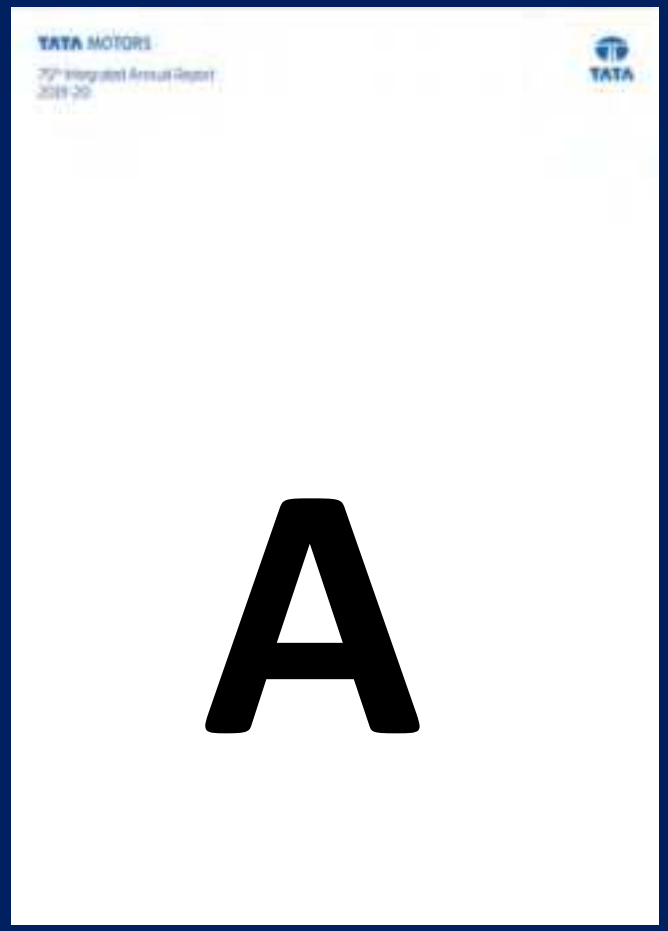

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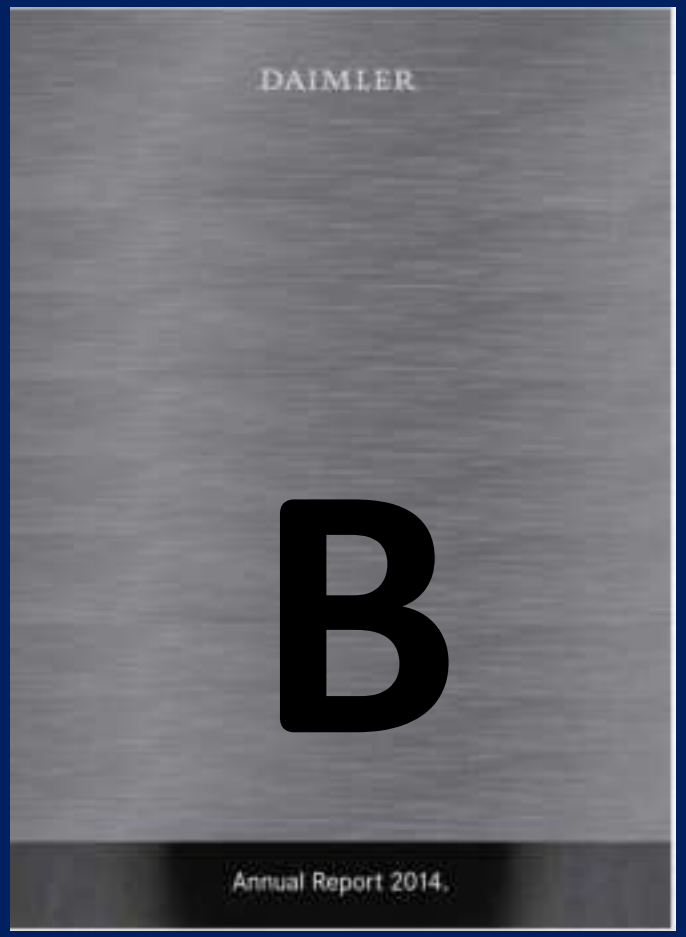

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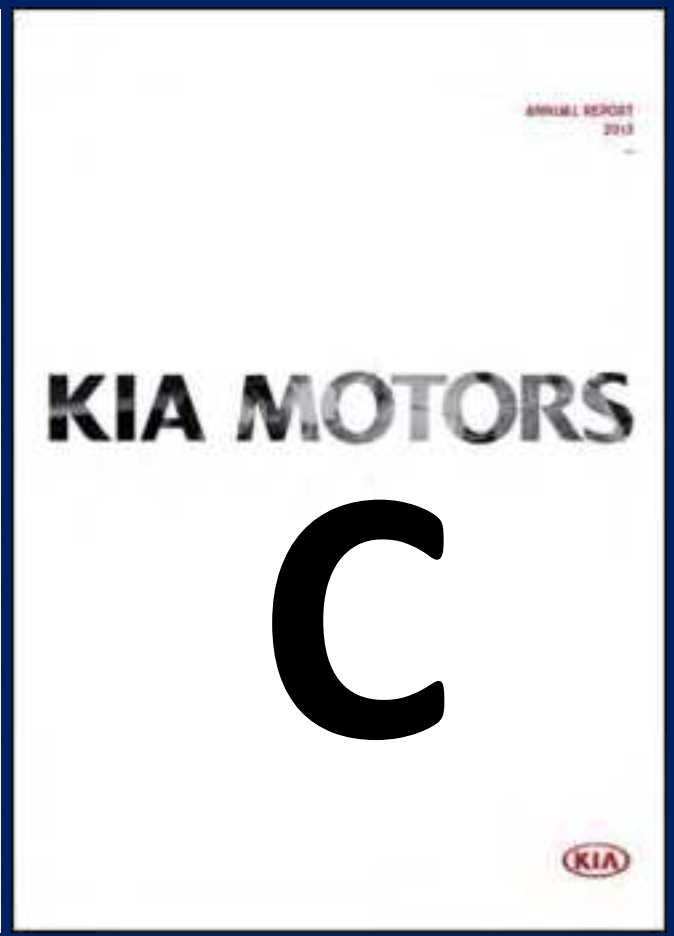

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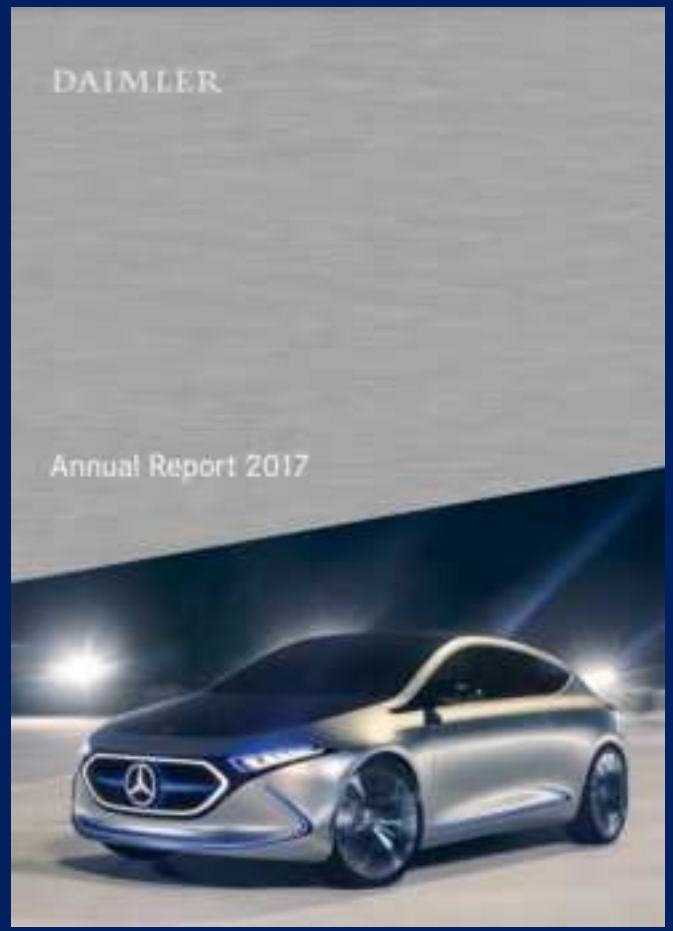

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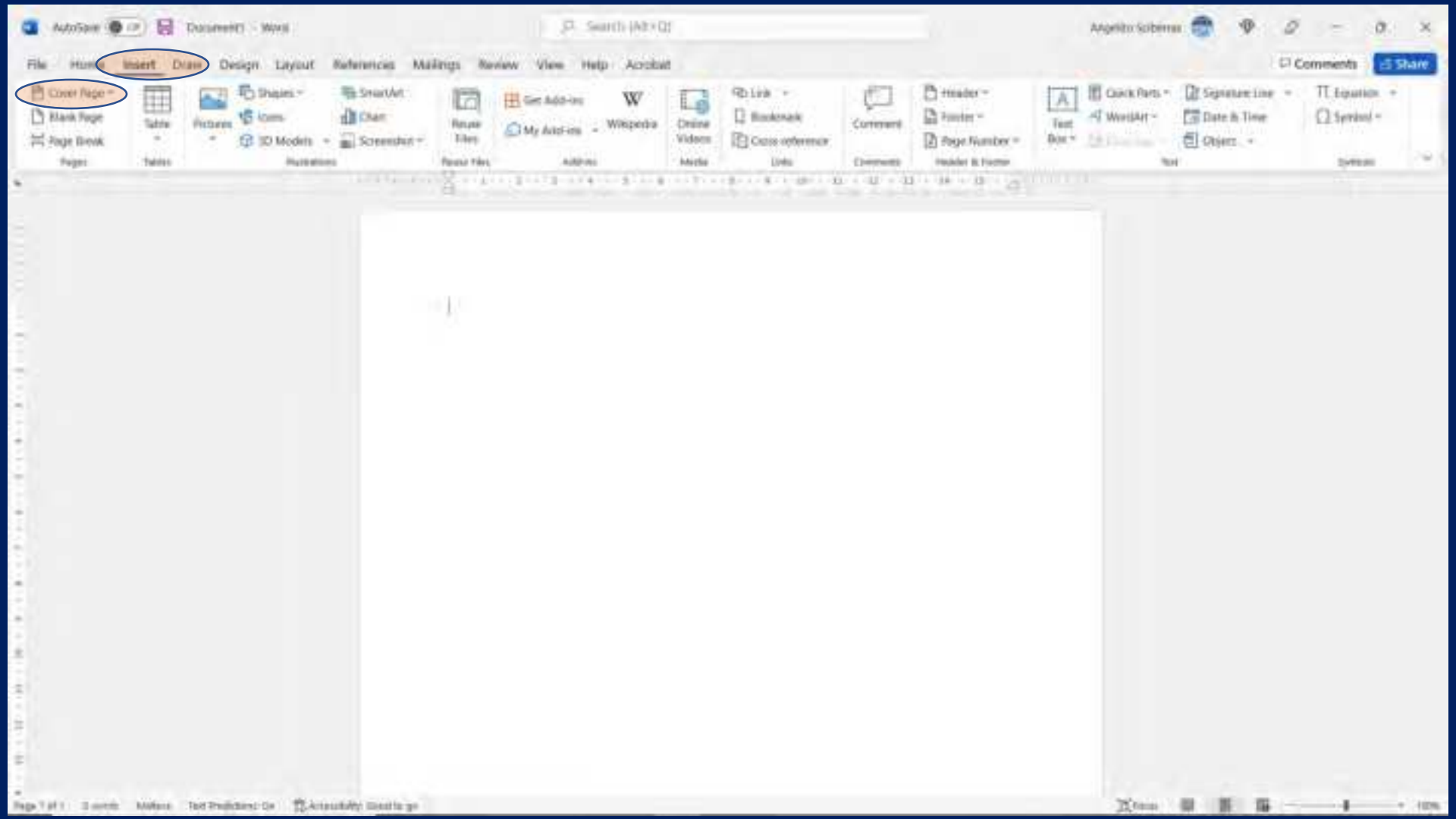

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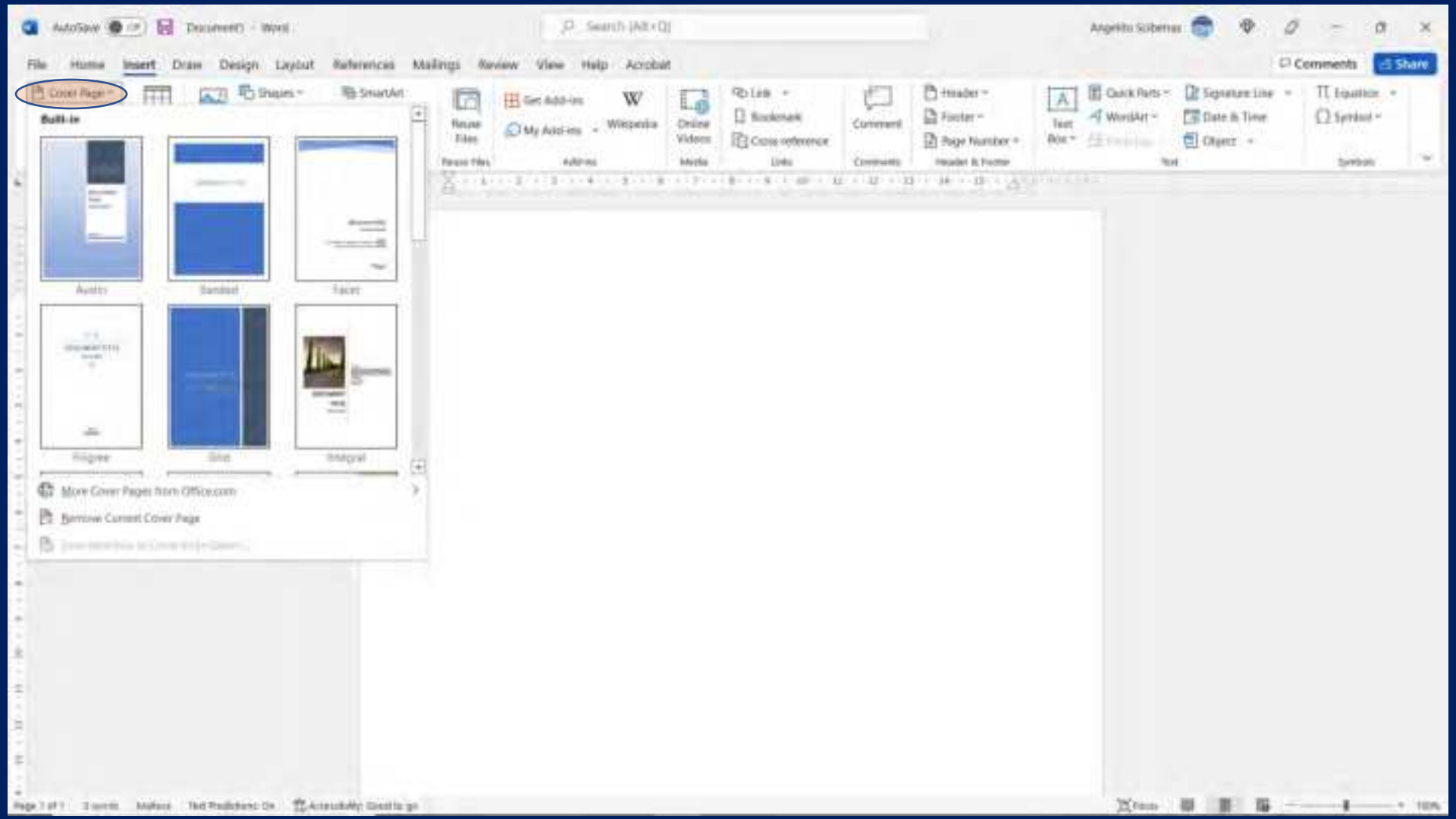

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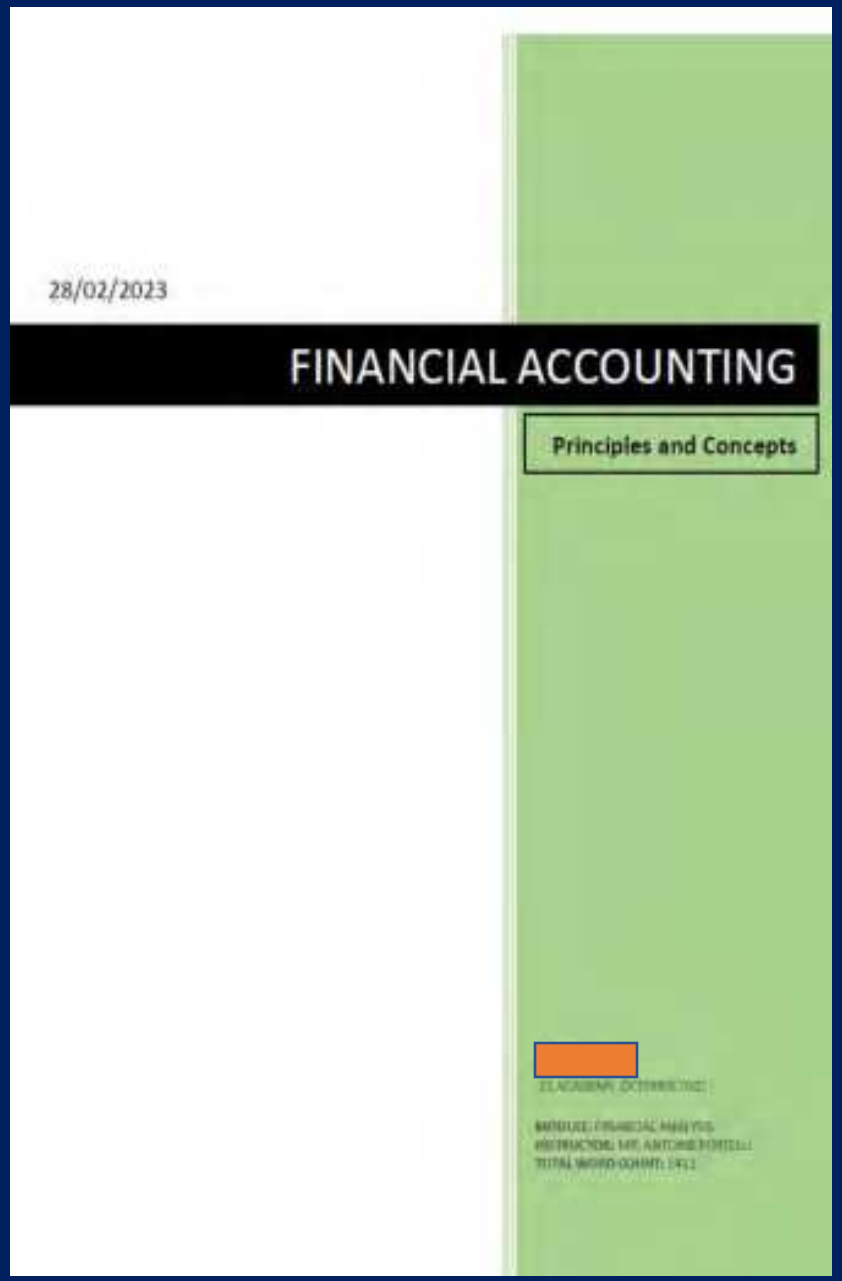

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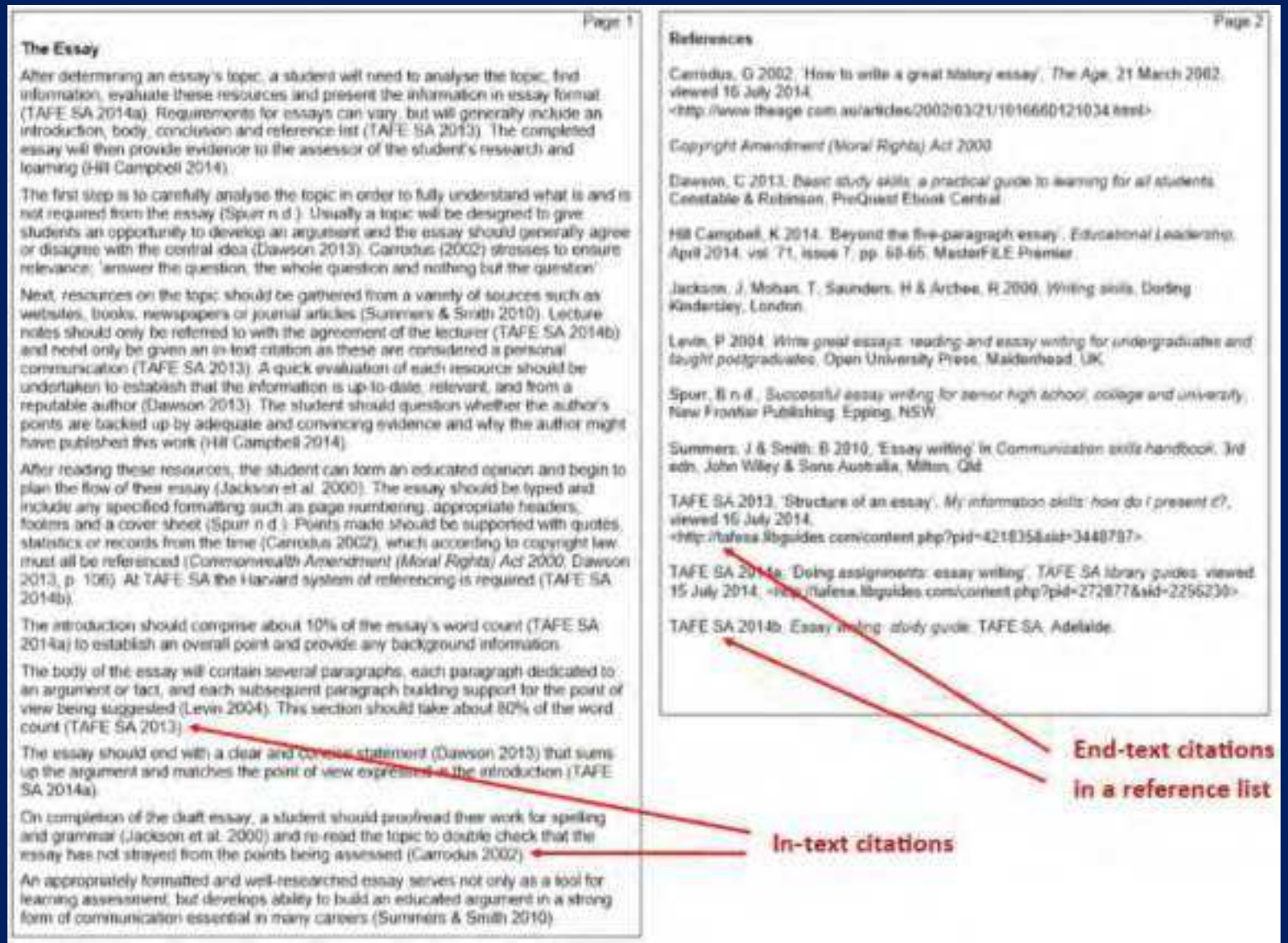

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The Essay

After determining an essay's topic, a student will need to analyse the topic, find information, evaluate these resources and present the information in essay format (TAFE SA 2014a). Requirements for essays can vary, but will generally include an introduction, body, conclusion and reference list (TAFE SA 2013). The completed essay will then provide evidence to the assessor of the student's research and learning (Hill Campbell 2014).

The first step is to carefully analyse the topic in order to fully understand what is and is not required from the essay (Spurr n.d.). Usually a topic will be designed to give students an opportunity to develop an argument and the essay should generally agree or disagree with the central idea (Dawson 2013). Carrodus (2002) stresses to ensure relevance: 'answer the question, the whole question and nothing but the question'.

Next, resources on the topic should be gathered from a variety of sources such as websites, books, newspapers or journal articles (Summers & Smith 2010). Lecture notes should only be referred to with the agreement of the lecturer (TAFE SA 2014b) and need only be given an in-text citation as these are considered a personal communication (TAFE SA 2013). A quick evaluation of each resource should be undertaken to establish that the information is up-to-date, relevant, and from a reputable author (Dawson 2013). The student should question whether the author's points are backed up by adequate and convincing evidence and why the author might have published this work (Hill Campbell 2014).

After reading these resources, the student can form an educated opinion and begin to plan the flow of their essay (Jackson et al. 2000). The essay should be typed and include any specified formatting such as page numbering, appropriate headers, footers and a cover sheet (Spurr n.d.). Points made should be supported with quotes, statistics or records from the time (Carrodus 2002), which according to copyright law must all be referenced (*Commonwealth Amendment (Moral Rights) Act 2000*; Dawson 2013, p. 106). At TAFE SA the Harvard system of referencing is required (TAFE SA 2014b).

The introduction should comprise about 10% of the essay's word count (TAFE SA 2014a) to establish an overall point and provide any background information.

The body of the essay will contain several paragraphs, each paragraph dedicated to an argument or fact, and each subsequent paragraph building support for the point of view being suggested (Levin 2004). This section should take about 80% of the word count (TAFE SA 2013).

The essay should end with a clear and concise statement (Dawson 2013) that sums up the argument and matches the point of view expressed in the introduction (TAFE SA 2014a).

On completion of the draft essay, a student should proofread their work for spelling and grammar (Jackson et al. 2000) and re-read the topic to double check that the essay has not strayed from the points being assessed (Carrodus 2002).

An appropriately formatted and well-researched essay serves not only as a tool for learning assessment, but develops ability to build an educated argument in a strong form of communication essential in many careers (Summers & Smith 2010).

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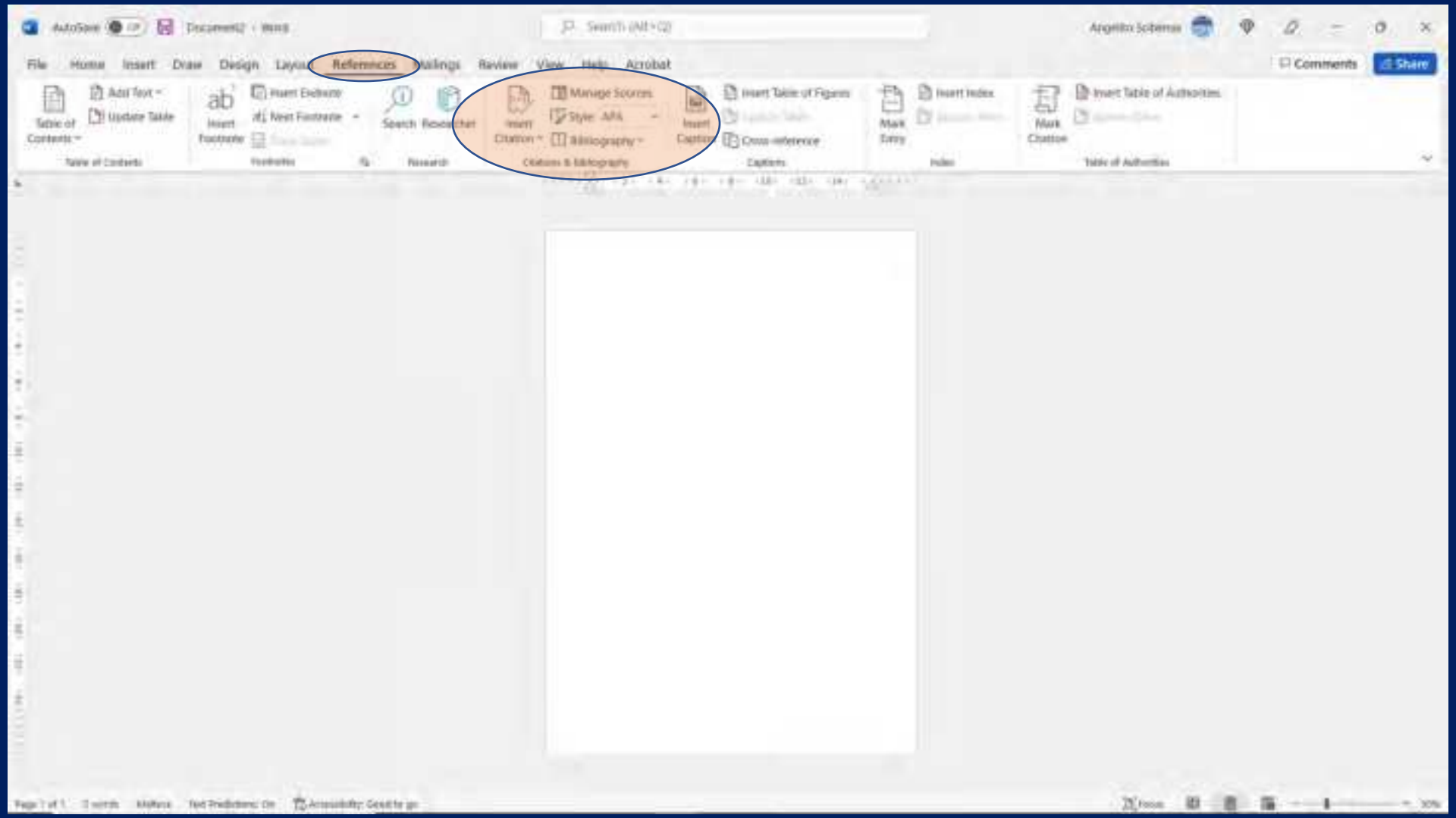

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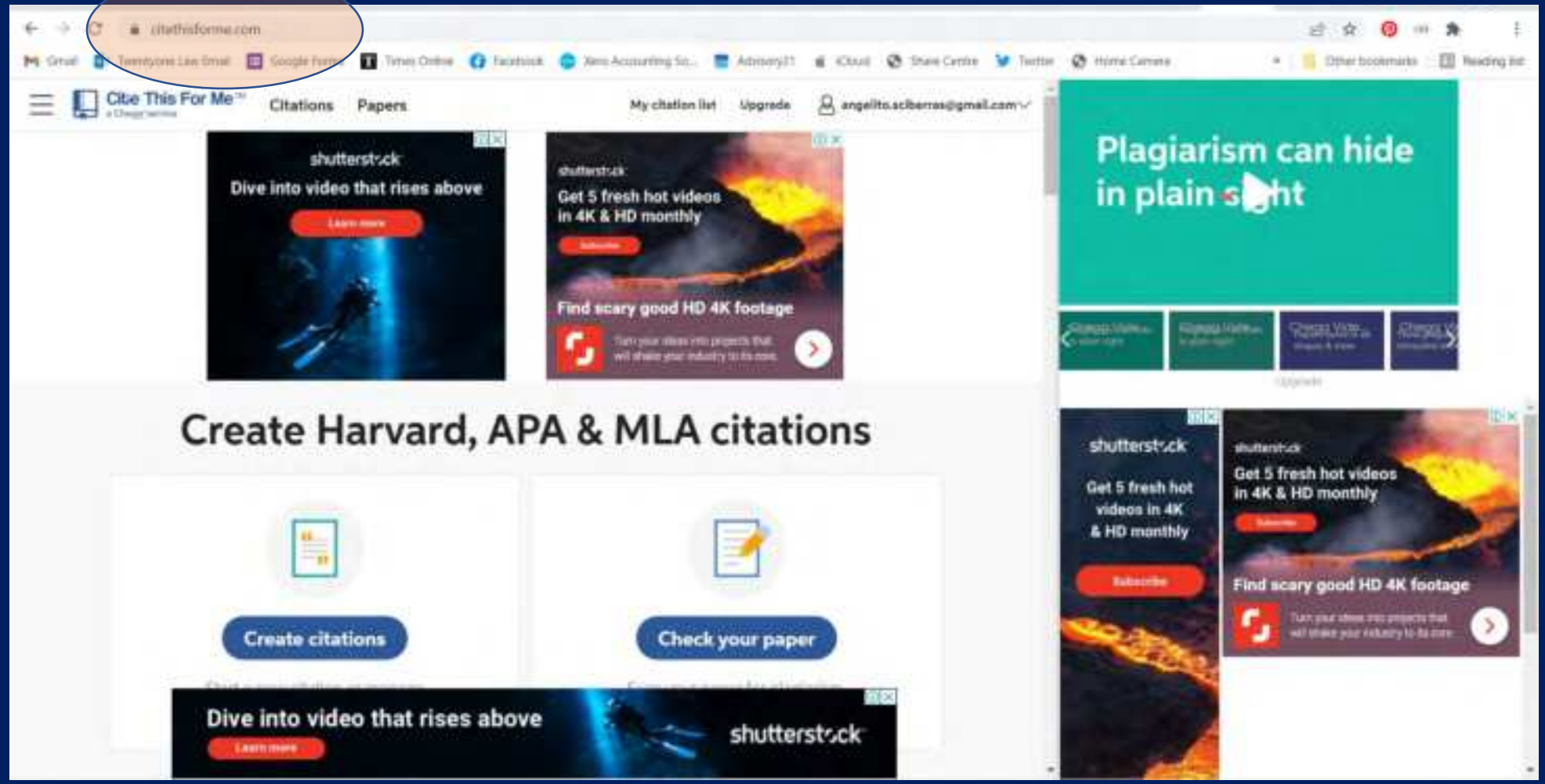

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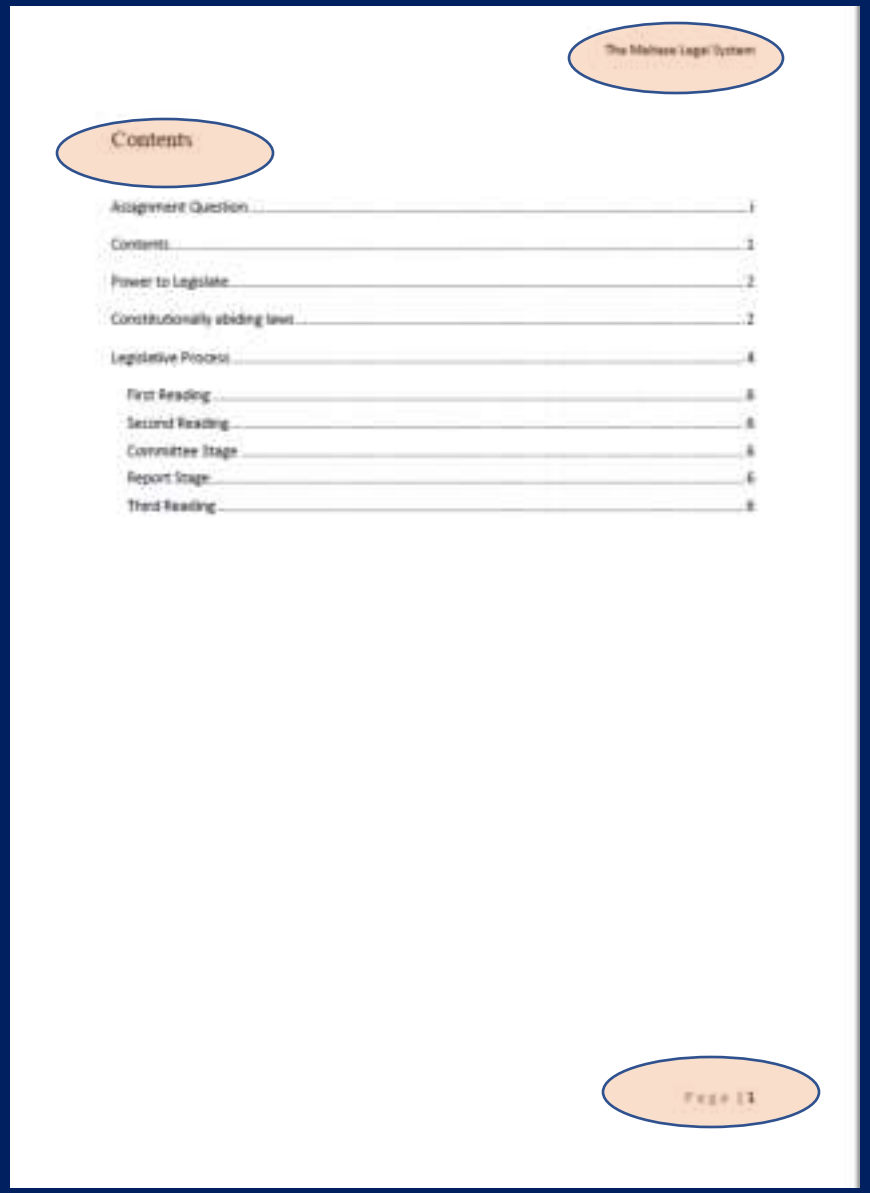

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> “It is not sufficient to have an experience in order to learn. **Without reflecting on this experience it may quickly be forgotten**, or its learning potential lost.”

Graham Gibbs 1988

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What went well?	100 words	10 marks
What could I have done better?	100 words	10 marks
Long-term implications	200 words	20 marks

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Reflective Notes

What did I Learn?	I learned that each industry uses digital marketing differently to build their brand. Nike, Apple, McDonald's, and Goldman Sachs all have their own strategies. It's not just about putting out ads—it's about connecting with customers. Nike works with influencers, while McDonald's focuses on personalized deals through their app. Tools like SEO and content marketing help companies reach more people and keep them interested. What really stood out was how each company adapts these tools to fit their own style. This shows us that digital marketing can be flexible and work in many ways, depending on the brand's goals.	

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What went well?	I felt that our group did well in breaking down and explaining the strategies used by brands across retail, technology, food and beverage, and finance. The analysis of Nike's focus on influencers and how it creates a community was clear. I also liked how I discussed Apple's approach to innovation and simplicity, which really helps them stand out as a premium brand. McDonald's use of its mobile app and location-based marketing made sense to us as a way to keep customers engaged. Finally, our explanation of how Goldman Sachs uses content to build trust was informative. The balance between the different strategies in each industry made the presentation flow well. It was easy for the audience to understand how digital marketing can vary so much from one industry to another.	

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What could I have done better?	I could have made improvements within a few aspects of the assignment; First of all, I did not elaborate enough on the issue of how brands act on the new trends of the market. Furthermore, the addition of some real-life ads or campaigns and more illustrations such as graphs or charts would have also made the presentation more informative. The effectiveness of these strategies could have been presented with the help of more information on the results of the campaign. I also did not focus a lot of our time on the different forms of paid marketing. Lastly, a more visual example in the form of videos would have enriched the presentation even more.	

Reflective Notes

Long-term implications	From what I have discovered, it is clear that in the present day's digital world, industries and brands must design their promotional methods to further entice consumers. For instance, Nike makes use of influencers in order to create a good base and relate with the customers. In comparison, Apple employs clean-shaven campaigns pointing towards its innovation and the brand's exclusivity for the superior end audience. Currently, McDonald's targets developing customer retention by sending promotional codes to the McDonald's application and offering its users to visit restaurants more often. On the other hand, Goldman Sachs establishes legitimacy by delivering valuable financial analysis and opinion leadership thereby establishing the firm as an authority and key player in the financial industry. This shows that none of the above strategies can work for all industries. Instead, the success lies in tailoring the strategies by first knowing the needs and target audience of the brand. Some of the factors include; uniformity in the communication, variation according to the tastes of customers and quality of the interaction. Therefore, it is possible to consider that the application of these insights will be critical to creating the appropriate kind of marketing campaigns to create good brand value for an industry.	

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