

Importance of '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall' for Students during Examination – A Case Study Approach

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Abstract

This research paper is the outcome of research conducted by the researcher based on her work experience of college library during the past years to identify and study the impact of reading hall which is kept open for 24 hours on all 7 days. Researcher has carried out this study on the topic of “Importance of ‘24/7 Open Library Reading Hall’ for Students during Examination – A Case Study Approach” based on own experience and observation while working in the college library. The reading hall is well defined concept which caters to the needs of students aspiring for good result and good career based on the performance in the examinations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let us understand the concept of ‘Library Reading Room’. Library is the heart of any institution. The main function of the library is to have collection and preservation of various books on different knowledge fields for its dissemination to all readers. As far as ‘Library Reading Room’ is concerned, silence needs to be maintained in reading hall. Also making noise or and using mobiles are strictly prohibited, eatables are not allowed in such ‘Reading Room’ these are the principals of a library. Readers, normally visit library for gaining access to the general collection of books and bound periodicals. Every day, while entering in the library student need to enter his or her name and ID in the ‘Usage Register’. Normally, in such library reading halls a lot of silence is observed many a times. Students can study continuously for hours together without any disturbance. In other words, we can say that, a reading room is a quiet room in a library or museum where you can read and study.

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research methodology adopted for this research is mentioned as below:-

2.1. Objective

Objectives of this research paper are as mentioned below:-

- a) To study and understand the concept of '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall'.
- b) To study and understand the impact of such '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall' with reference to the performance of students in examination.

2.2. Sources of Data

Secondary Data

In this research work, information was collected from primary sources. The researcher has total ten years of experience in different Institutions. On the basis of her close interactions and observations, this research paper has been written which attempts to focus two selective cases; therefore, *Observation* is the primary source of data for this research paper.

3. PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

Let us go through and understand the cases one by one. There is complete information provided about these cases and the impact of '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall' on the performance of students in examination.

3. 1. Case I

A student named Yusuf Sayad was a very good basketball player, he had represented Maharashtra's National team for about 4 times and had also qualified for representing India at the international level once at a very young age of 17 years. If the people who knew him personally wanted to meet him for some reason, they would first visit the college's basketball court and if he's not there they would call him to know his whereabouts and 99 % of the times he would say that he is playing a match in a basketball tournament or practicing on another court. All round the year he used to invest his maximum time in basketball, but just about 15 to 20 days before any of his exams, he used to devote 8-10 hours a day for studies in the 'Reading Hall' of the college library till the exams are over. He follows this method of studying in his life and because of this method his grades have always been in the range of 70% to as high as 83%. He recently represented India at the international level when he was

in the 3rd year of his Bachelors of Mechanical engineering and secured 72.65% in his final examinations of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

3.2 Case II

Another case is of a GAMER and he insists that he's not just called a gamer for being good at playing mobile PUBG but he is also good at PC gaming and he has his championship victories and hours of live streams to support his claims of being a pro gamer. His name is Anup Patil but he is better known as," PREM" his gaming tag. When he plays, he plays for 12 to 13 hours of nonstop gaming and that's what makes him better he says to everyone with pride and honor. He usually plays almost all of the gaming tournaments and streams every weekend. But just as our previous case he used to start studying for 6 to 8 hours straight everyday in 'Reading Hall of library, for at least a month before the exams. He is studying Bachelors of Computer Engineering and says that it is what interests him most and that's what he has spent half of his life on computers, and his big specs proves that he is telling the truth. He usually uses his college computers of Computer Lab, but for studying he prefers college library reading hall instead of home. His studying pattern always puts him and his results at a level always above 80%.

4. Conclusion

At the end, we may conclude that,

- a) As far as objective number I is concerned, we could study and understand the concept of '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall' during examination.
- c) As far as objective number II is concerned, impact of such '24/7 Open Library Reading Hall' on the performance of students in examinations. We have observed that, in both the cases students preferred library Reading Hall which is kept open 24/7. They have used this facility and scored good marks in the examinations.

5. Suggestions

With reference to importance of '24/7 Open Library Reading Halls for the excellent performance of the students in final examinations, such 'Reading Hall' kept open for 24 / 7 has to be preferred by all the libraries of educational institutions.

6. Limitation of the study

Data is based on personal observation and hence individual perceptions and opinions had an impact while drawing conclusions. Therefore complete agreement of a reader may not be possible.

7. Scope for further research

While writing this research paper, researcher has understood that there is a scope for further research on following topic:-

1. What types of other factors also have a positive or negative impact on the overall performance of the students in examinations?

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