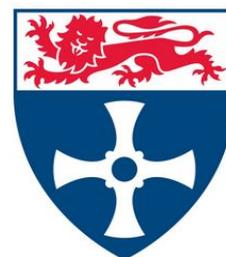




# ***Understanding Motivation through Exploratory Practice***

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# From Motivation to Life Capital



**Ahmad** in Hanks (2015, p29):

*Why can't I study in certain situations?*

# Exploratory Practice: a Principled Framework

- 1- focus on *quality of life*;
- 2- work to *understand* it, before thinking about solving problems;
- 3- involve *everybody as practitioners* developing their own understandings;
- 4- work to *bring people together* in a common enterprise;
- 5- work cooperatively for *mutual development*;
- 6- make it a *continuous enterprise or sustainable*;
- 7- minimise the burden by *integrating the research work for understanding into normal pedagogic practice*.

(Allwright & Hanks, 2009, p260)

# Sample PEPA-1

- **A: What are your reasons for choosing to study at this University? Describe your personal motivation for coming here and what you hope to achieve.**
- **B: Why are you doing the pre-sessional?**
- **C: What are your expectations of the pre-sessional?**
- **D: What are your expectations of the Text-based Studies module?**

# Sample PEPA-1

**A: What are your reasons for choosing to study at this University?  
Describe your personal motivation for coming here and what you hope to achieve.**

First of all, MSc is necessary for the future due to the fierce competition in the society. Secondly, I will have more opportunity to get a higher position in a company after learning the methodologies of programme and project management, comparing to my past time. Last but not least, learning makes me happy. This means that studying at [name of the university] and making friends here are fabulous things in my life, and this would be a great memory in my life. In conclusion, I want to study here to get promotion and enjoy my life. I dream a lot about the life in [name of the university] and I do hope I can learn the practical knowledge here.

(Megan)

# Sample PEPA-2

## *Weekly writing task*

*Write about this past week. What did you like about your lessons? What did you dislike about your lessons? What did you like or dislike about your life outside the classroom? Share what you want and write as much as you want.*

## Sample PEPA-2

I felt upset because I realized how my poor oral English was. That's true, I know how smart I am in Chinese, but I am really stupid in English. I cannot adequately express myself well in English, therefore I can only choose very simple words and sentences to communicate, even though when I have complex emotion and deep thought. I feel that my poor oral English make me become a rather boring and dull person. Although I can understand some jokes, I cannot find a right way to respond in English just choose to smile or don't say anything. I really don't want to be that!

(Xiaoxin)



**Thank you!**

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