General Education Assessment Plan

G.3: Written Communication Assignment
Sample 3

Clinical Case Study

Your answer must be in complete sentences using proper (formal) English and punctuations (no texting lexicons, etc). This paper is for a college level class and should reflect your abilities to communicate relative to the health profession you are about to enter. Do not elaborate too much...between 0.5 – 1 page should be enough for you to answer your questions. You may collaborate and help each other with citations format, etc., however, the work must be yours and in your words....do not plagiarize.

History of Present Illness: Ryan is 10 months old and was born at home in a remote part of Montana. Ryan did not have the normal newborn tests that would have been given if he was born at a hospital. Ryan has a very fair complexion; pale skin, blue eyes. Ryan’s mother noticed that he has a "mousy" or musty odor to his urine, breath, and sweat. He also has eczema. Ryan seemed to suffer a seizure so his mother decided to take him to a doctor.

Family History: Ryan has brother who is mentally retarded.

Physical Examination: The pediatrician noticed Ryan had microcephaly. His growth also seemed stunted and the doctor noticed tremors in Ryan’s arms and legs.

Lab results: Phenylketones were found in Ryan’s urine.

QUESTIONS
Answer the questions below to demonstrate your knowledge. You will have to consult your textbook, reference material and the internet. A good place is a search engine like google.com. Type in the phrase or terms you need more information about and click on the websites. The library has computers you can use to access the internet. Write (or type) the answers to the questions below on your own paper.

*****Write your answers in your own words not just copied from a reference; that is plagiarism!

*****INCLUDE YOUR References/citations!

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Use MLA style for citations. Go to the writing center for help or look online if you do not know how to properly cite your source(s). You will have points DEDUCTED if you do not cite your reference(s) properly!
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**THERE IS ONLY ONE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS!**

***E-Mail me with your evidence and I will tell you if you have the correct diagnosis!***

Questions (3 pts per question)

1. What do you think is wrong with Ryan? **EXPLAIN!** How would you determine if your diagnosis was correct, i.e. what test(s) could you do?

2. What “material” is causing the symptoms? What kind of molecule is the “material?”

3. Why does the “material” cause the symptoms? **Be specific!!!** Will it cause the same symptoms in everyone? Explain


5. How would one get Ryan’s disease? **Be specific!**

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