COMMERCE YEAR 10 ASSESSMENT TASK: THE LAW IN ACTION

RESEARCH & ANALYSIS:

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES AND ASBESTOS DISEASE

Value 10%  Due date: Thursday 13th of June  Word limit: 1000 words  Reference List (bibliography) - Mandatory

You will be marked according to how well you complete the following:

1. Investigate the story of James Hardie industries and asbestos disease and report your findings in an extended response that may be written report style (including headings and subheadings) or in a more traditional essay format. (You must explain why the company has had to pay compensation to many victims of asbestos related illnesses and analyse whether the company has acted ethically.)

There is a lot of information on the internet – and you must use a variety of sites in your investigation. Ensure you keep a record of your sources to include in your reference list.

Wikipedia is not considered a reliable enough source to be cited in academic research – however it does sometimes contain links to other good related sites. So the message is – use Wikipedia with limits. Before you use any site you should consider whether it is likely to be balanced or biased.

In this task you are encouraged to use excerpts/quotes from sources but are reminded to ensure you properly credit where these were obtained, who wrote them and when they were written.

There is excellent information to help you with ‘referencing’ in your College Diary.

More information about your response

You must include an opening ‘introductory paragraph’, at least 8 further paragraphs/sections and a conclusion. Your work must be carefully edited before submission.

In your response CHECK that you have included information about:

a) Asbestos use in Australia and how James Hardie industries (JHI) was involved in the production and distribution of products containing asbestos [   ]

b) Information about the dangers of asbestos and whether JHI responded to them ethically [   ]

c) How victims have used Civil Law to seek compensation from JHI and why the company has had to pay money to many victims. [   ]

Please staple this sheet to the front of your work – no plastic sleeves or folders are permitted

Save work in several places – technology failure will not be accepted as a valid excuse for lateness
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| 9-10  | Report or Essay form used - very logical and informative & includes effective introduction and conclusion.  
No obvious plagiarism & quotes properly identified and acknowledged if included  
Information from a variety of sites used & clearly recorded in a well-constructed bibliography  
Very clear & highly relevant information and explanation about: Asbestos use in Australia / Hardie’s role & the dangers involved & Sophisticated analysis of Hardie’s response re ethics & how victims have used the law for redress |
| 7-8   | Report or Essay form used - logical and informative & includes introduction and conclusion.  
No obvious plagiarism and quotes identified and acknowledged if included  
Information from a variety of sites used & recorded in a well-constructed bibliography  
Clear, very relevant explanation about: Asbestos use in Australia & Hardie’s role & the dangers involved & and good analysis of Hardie’s ethics & how victims have used the law for redress |
| 5-6   | Report or Essay form used in a mostly logical format which is informative & includes introduction and conclusion.  
No obvious plagiarism and quotes properly identified and acknowledged if included  
Information from a variety of sites used & recorded in a bibliography  
Includes relevant explanation about: Asbestos use in Australia & Hardie’s role & the dangers involved & and an analysis of Hardie’s ethics & how victims have used the law for redress |
| 3-4   | Report or Essay form used is informative and may contain introduction/conclusion.  
No obvious plagiarism and quotes properly identified and acknowledged if included  
Information from more than one site used & recorded in a bibliography Some explanation about: Asbestos use in Australia & Hardie’s role & the dangers involved included & and information about Hardie’s ethics & how victims have used the law for redress |
| 2-3   | Little compliance with any requirements – very basic response which includes information about the topic but which does answer required sections |

Outcomes
5.2 analyses the rights and responsibilities of individuals in a range of consumer, financial, business, legal and employment contexts
5.4 analyses key factors affecting commercial and legal decisions
5.7 researches and assesses commercial and legal information using a variety of sources
5.8 explains commercial and legal information using a variety of forms