# Assignment: Understanding Self-Instructional Material (SIM)

Course: Introduction to Open and Distance Learning (ODL)

Topic: What is Self-Instructional Material (SIM)?

Week: 1

Student Learning Time (SLT): 3 hours

## Assignment Task

Write a reflective essay (400–600 words) on the topic of Self-Instructional Material (SIM). Your essay should demonstrate your understanding of SIM based on the lesson materials and the video provided.

## Your essay should include:

1. 1. A clear definition of SIM.
2. 2. An explanation of the 6 key characteristics of SIM.
3. 3. A reflection on why SIM is important in Open and Distance Learning (ODL).
4. 4. Your opinion on which SIM characteristic is the most helpful to you and why.

## Instructions

• Submit your assignment in Word or PDF format.  
• Use Times New Roman, 12pt font, 1.5 spacing.  
• Include your name, matric number, and course code on the first page.  
• Submit via Moodle (Assessment 1.1) by the due date (30 April 2025).

## Assessment Rubric (Total: 20 marks)

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| Criteria | Marks |
| Understanding of SIM definition and characteristics | 8 |
| Reflection and personal insight | 5 |
| Clarity and organization of ideas | 5 |
| Formatting and language | 2 |