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BEST PRACTICE AREA: TEACHING LEARNING EVALUATION DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

BEST PRACTICE: LEARNING THROUGH ENACTING

1. Title of the Practice: LEARNING THROUGH ENACTING (PRACTICAL COURSE)

2. Objectives

To help students apply theoretical concepts of forensic investigation learnt in the classroom to field activity. It also promotes team work spirit and critical thinking skills in solving problems. This practice also promotes research-based learning.

3. The Context

This best practice is adopte by the faculties of department of zoology. The Practical activity requires to be designed in a manner that will promote research and application of the learned concept, enables students to analyze the different aspects of the activity and use theoretical concepts to solve the problems in a group. The practical needs to be in line with the concepts taught in theory so that the students are able to work through it on their own.

The type of experiment taken for this activity should be field based (outdoor) and should be simple enough for students to comprehend and solve the given problem. This helps to evaluate traits such as the depth of the knowledge, skills, application of principles to problem solving, creativity, ability to communicate and ability to face unknown situations etc.,

4. The Practice

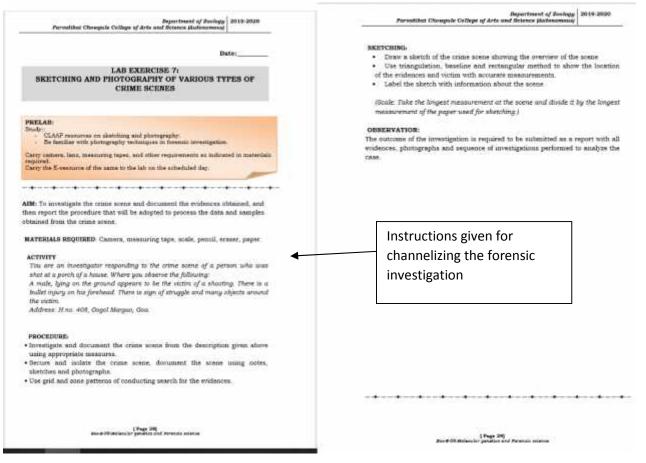
Students were well aware of the activity weeks before the practical. They were required to do the basic research to understand the concepts involved before the experiment in relation to the activity as given in their preliminary work on the journal. This helps the students to revise the basic knowledge pertaining to the subject. On the day of the practical students assemble with all the necessary material required which is mentioned in advance on their journal. The students were then divided in groups for analyzing the experiment and recording observations during a span of 2 hours. The assessment was carried out based on the report that is submitted which gives a detailed explanation of all the steps taken to record the observations and the techniques involved in successful completion of the activity. The activity has to be based off of the components taught in theory and make it easier for the students to apply the theoretical knowledge in the hypothetical situation staged during the practical.

Example: Enactment of a Crime Scene.

A crime scene enactment was planned at a specific location on the campus. The scene involved identifying a student to act as victim shot dead. The evidences were assembled in specific places and a natural crime scene like scenario is created.

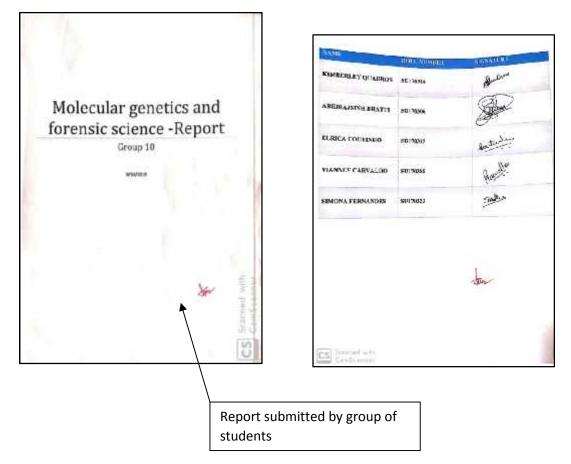
Preliminary requirements are explained in the journal. How the students need to proceed with the forensic investigation is laid down in the online journal. Students are then divided into groups of 05. Each group had to investigate the crime scene based on the theory taught to them in class. This activity expects students to apply all the theoretical knowledge learnt by them, to investigate the crime scene. The students have to do the crime scene evaluation, Photography, perspective drawings, collection of forensic evidences as per forensic protocols, decide the type of medical analysis that needs to be done to obtain forensic data required to investigate a crime.

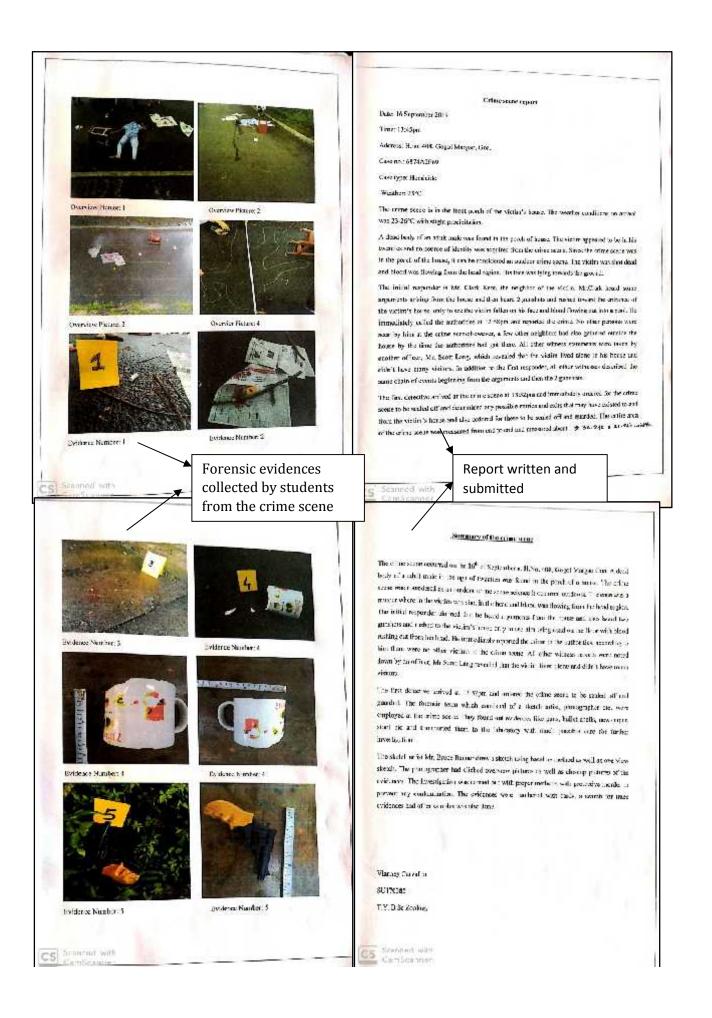
The students perform the activity and submit a Portfolio report on the same.

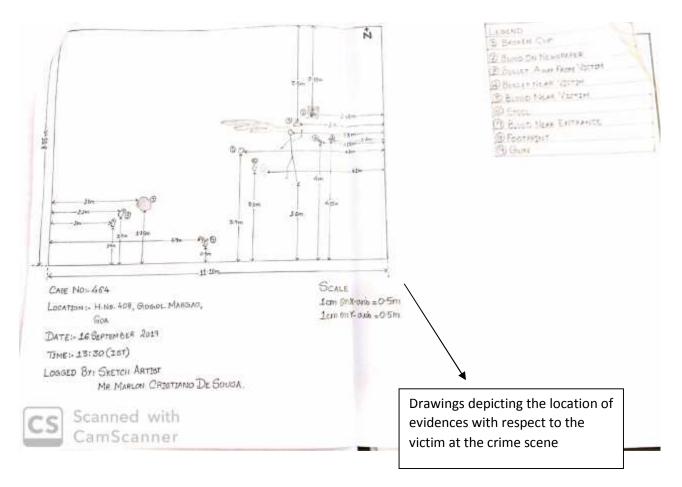


Journal Instructions Given:









5. Evidence of Success

- Students were able to work in their groups to solve the activity given to them.
- They were able to write a good report based on the different components related to the activity.
- The same was assessed as a continuous assessment for practical's

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Implementation of the practice required extensive work on the designing of activity.

To ensure that students are well versed with the concerned topic they have to be taught in details in theory class before portraying it as an activity.
