Discussion Forum Guidelines

The discussion forum is a platform where you could promote your learning by asking questions or share your own ideas with TAs and other students. To make the discussion constructive and beneficial for all, please abide by the following guidelines:

1. The post title begins with “[OFFICIAL]” means the announcements from the course team.

2. At the right side of Discussion page there are several small tools, use them and you could join or follow the discussion easily.

3. Before creating a new post, check to see if there are already a similar posting. Use the search function for this by clicking on the magnifying glass icon at the top of the Discussions list.

4. Please ensure that you are posting in the most appropriate category.

5. Title your posts thoughtfully, so others can quickly identify and follow relevant conversations and questions. If you find any bugs or errors in the courseware, please include the word “[ERRORS]” at the beginning of your post’s title. If you need the attention of a course team member, please use “[STAFF]” in the subject of the post. This will help alert the course staff a certain question or problem.

6. Include enough information within the body of the post for others to understand the question or problem. What video or assessment are you talking about? Which part? What have you tried already? What concepts or points remain unclear?

7. All postings have to be in English and English only. Make sure that spelling and grammar are correct. It will help others to understand you and yield useful responses. Please express yourself in formal English, and avoid typing in all capitals and using abbreviations, SMS tags or excessive punctuation.

8. edX is a global learning platform, with students from around the world and often with very different backgrounds. Please keep an open mind and respect cultural differences and the value of diverse perspectives. Refrain from posting any personal attacks.

9. We encourage learning from one another, but please do NOT asking for and/or
posting solutions to assessments. Some learners may still be working on the assessments.