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## The Learning Methods of Students of Junior College

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### Abstract

*The researcher is a student of junior college. This research aims on studying learning methods of junior college students. This research enquires into whether students prepare schedule for the studies, whether they follow the schedule meticulously, whether they get any guidance from their parents, whether they study theoretical and practical based subjects in the same manner, whether they consider reading as important factor, whether they take out notes for better understanding, if yes, do they have any specific method for taking out notes or important, whether they prefer mugging up or not, if not, what else do they prefer? Whether they put their own efforts also or just on the basis of guidance, whether they have their own ideas for remembering or not, whether they use their devices for educational purpose or not, whether they try to find easier method to study or not, whether they study for getting good grades or for own betterment. After drawing the conclusion, the researcher will develop a model of the same based on the conclusions. Then the researcher will have a pilot survey which will carry whether the model is really useful or any other change should be made in the model.*

### Key words

- *Learning methods*
- *Schedule*
- *Self-study*
- *Guidance*
- *Mnemonic*
- *Personal notes*

### Introduction

The research paper studies the tendency of students of junior college about their studies and also their views about the education.

It is observed that past few years our boards (CBSC, HSC) are more towards students' comfort, their mental health, their psychology. So this study enquires if this has made students think that exams are taken for granted and instead this has become an obligation for students' better future.

This survey would clear the thoughts about the concept. This would also might help to take a step to achieve the objective of making students to think more about their improvement in themselves rather than just thinking about grades which has no value after certain years.

### Objectives of the research

- To study learning methods followed by the students of junior college.
- To develop a model of learning techniques based on the survey.
- To carry out the pilot survey to find out whether this model helps other students as guidance.

### Hypothesis

The students of junior college do not have systematic learning methods, way of studying. This has made the researcher to prepare a questionnaire about the topic.

### Research methodology

This research is based on primary and secondary data. Primary data has been collected by preparing structured questionnaire and secondary data has been collected from the library. The data collected has been analyzed by using simple statistical tools such as average, percentage, ratios. The data analyzed is presented in the form of graphs, charts, diagrams.

### Scope of research

1. The research includes survey of students of junior college of Pune city.
2. The research has been carried on students of urban area.
3. The research has been done individually by the researcher.

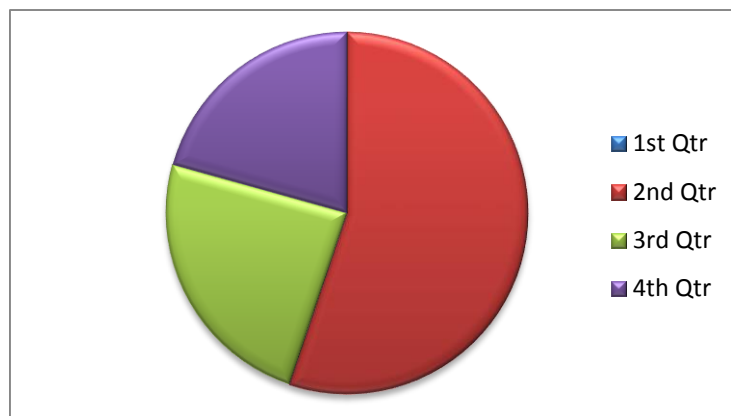
### Limitations of the research

1. The research does not include students from whole country or any other state.
2. The research has not been carried out on students of rural areas.
3. There is no institution to carry out the research and so it was restricted for limited students.
4. There was restriction on finance as it was carried out individually.
5. There was limitation of time to carry out the research.

### Analysis of data

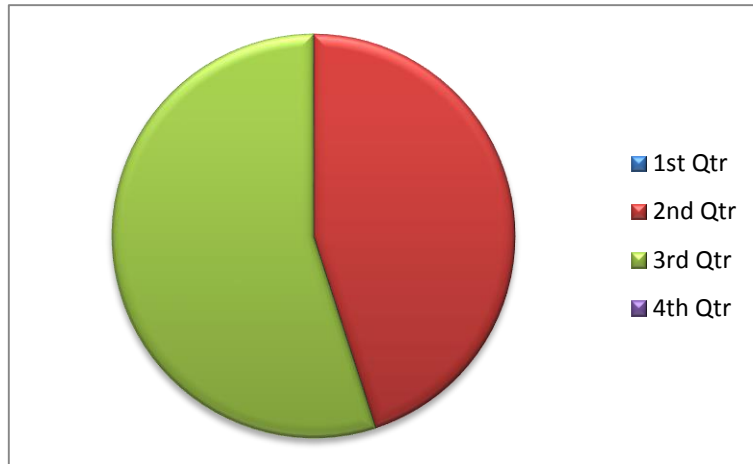
It includes percentage of the students based on their opinion

Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1.	I prepare a schedule for my studies		9%	73%	18%



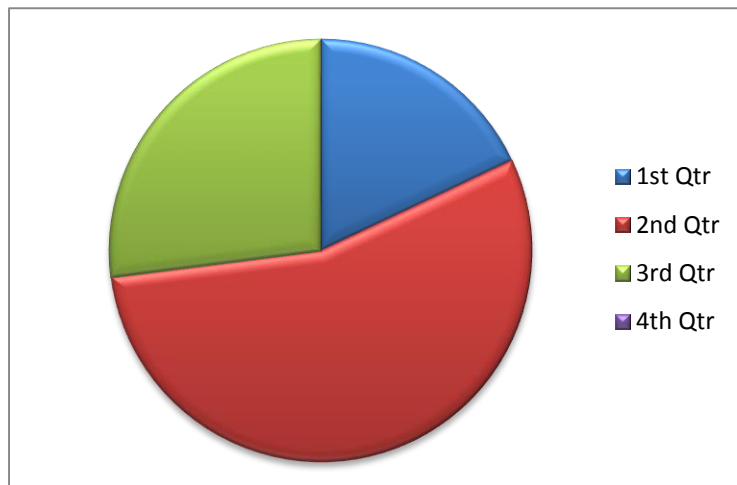
The researcher had thought of asking this question so as to survey the students' psychology, if they really study regularly or just before exams.

Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
2.	I follow the schedule meticulously		45%	55%	



From the above two statements, it is observed that many of the students prepare a perfect schedule for studies but most of them fail at following the schedule.

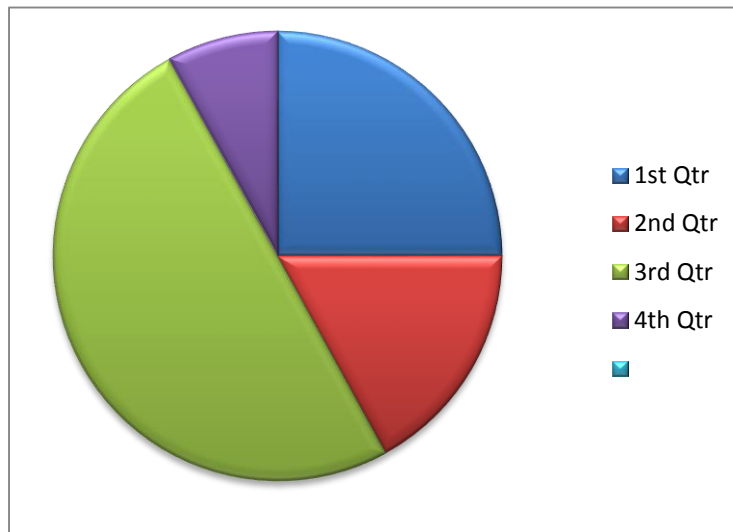
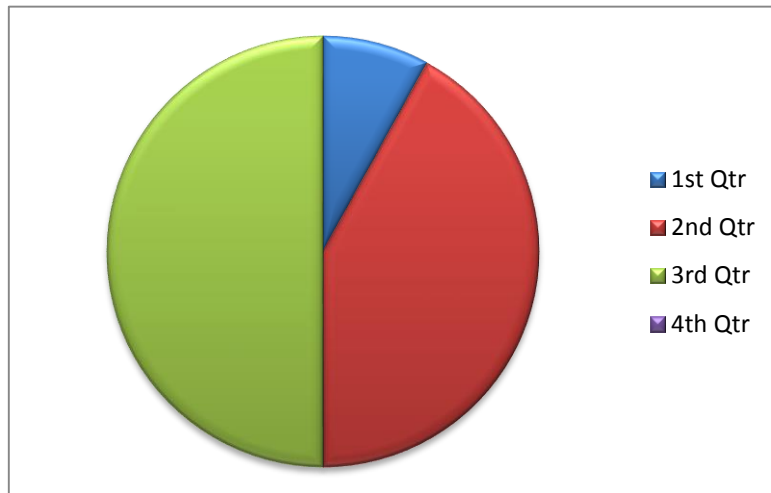
Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
3.	I need my parents To guide me.	18%	55%	27%	



There are still some students who take help of their parents. This is not completely wrong but there should be some limits for feeding the grown up kids.

It is an appreciable thing that very less number of students take help from their parents.

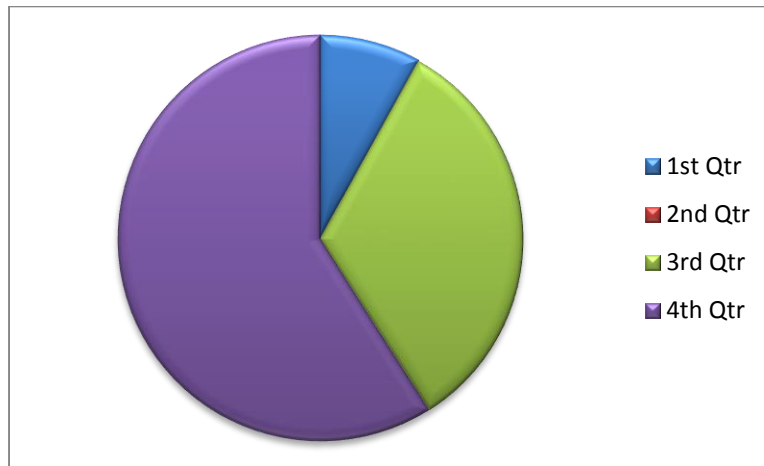
Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
4.	I study theory and practical subjects in the same manner.	8%	42%	50%	
5.	I think that mugging up the points helps in answering	25%	17%	50%	8%



Many of the students mug up the facts, concepts. Such students make use of it only for the examination and not for gaining knowledge.

From the observation, it is observed that still mugging up is a good option for some students. Mugging up gives you the knowledge on temporary basis.

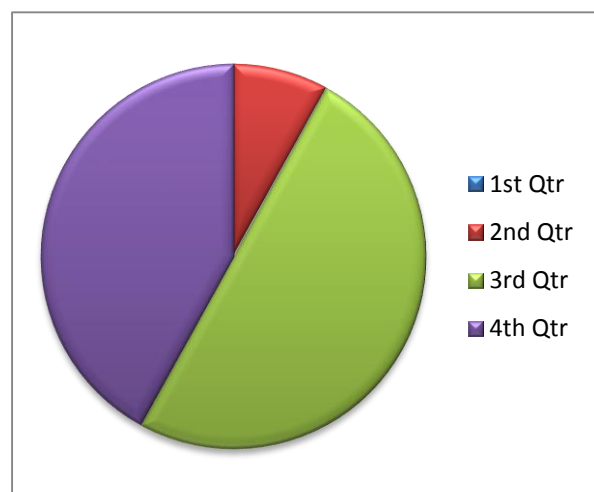
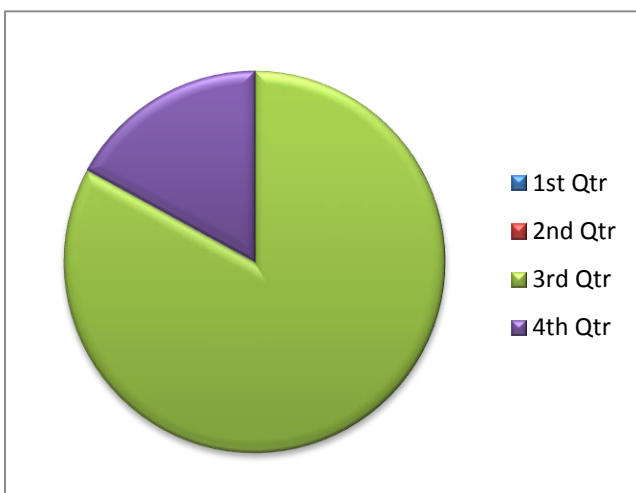
Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
6.	Carefully reading the chapter is very important.	8%		33%	59%



Without reading also now-a-days it is easy to score. So as to clear the doubt that how many actually read the textbook the researcher had asked this question.

It is observed that some of the students do not consider reading as an important factor and are passed on the basis of what they have mugged up.

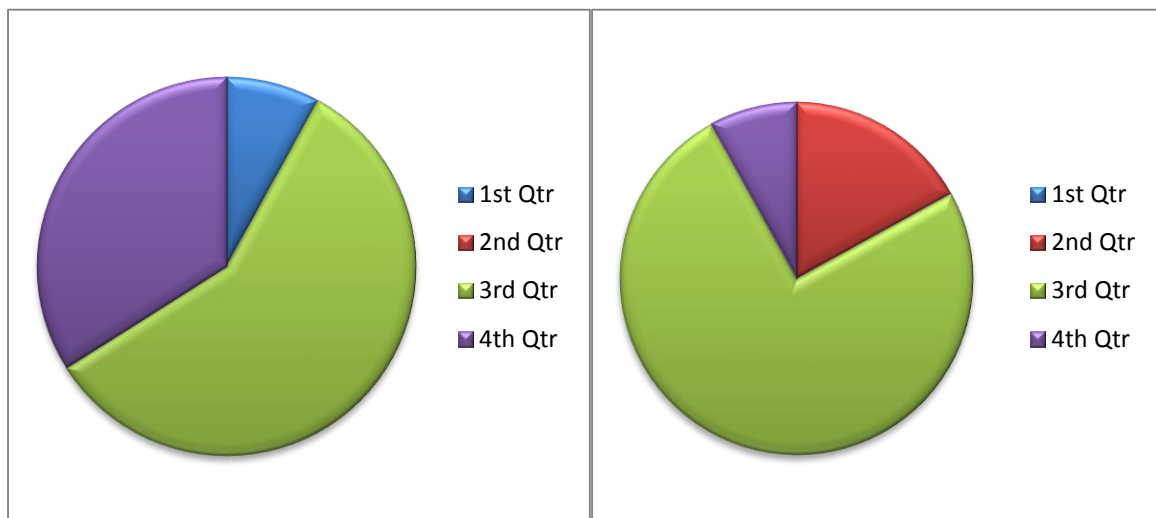
Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
7.	I take notes.			83%	17%
8.	I highlight the important points in the chapter.		8%	50%	42%



In object to check how many follow ‘notes’ method the researcher had asked the question as it makes the survey clearer for our objective.

‘To take out notes on their own is common’ is observed in the research which is an advantageous point for students.

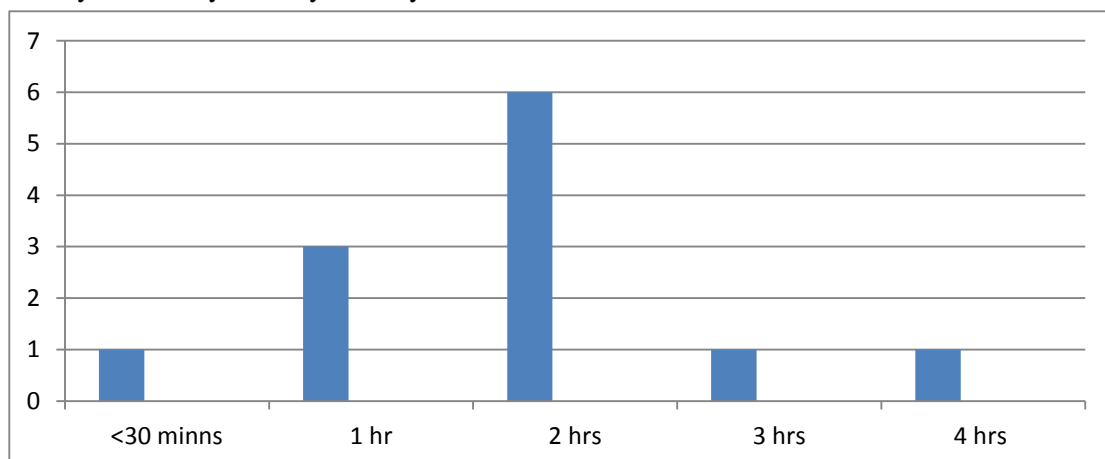
Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
9.	I study with an objective of scoring better grades in an examination.	8%		58%	34%
10.	I study with an objective of developing my personality rather than merely scoring marks.		17%	75%	8%



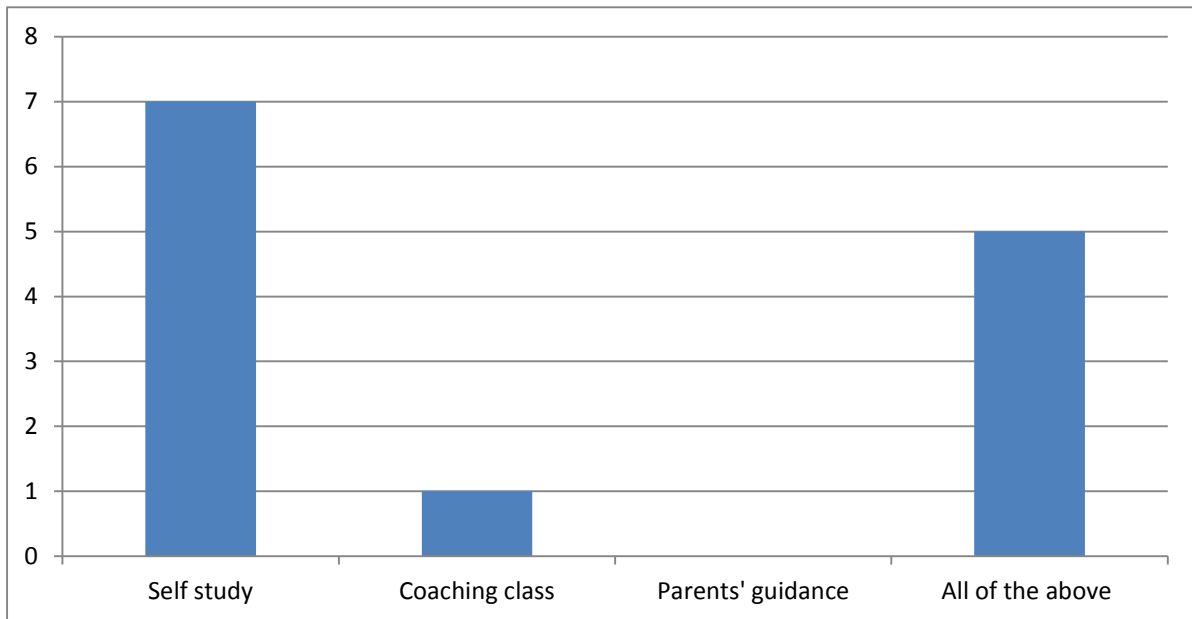
It is observed in the research that many of the students do not have the only objective of getting good grades but also developing the personality. But still there are some students whose ultimate goal is just marks which is not a positive point.

Here, students were given questions with options. Analysis is presented through graphs.

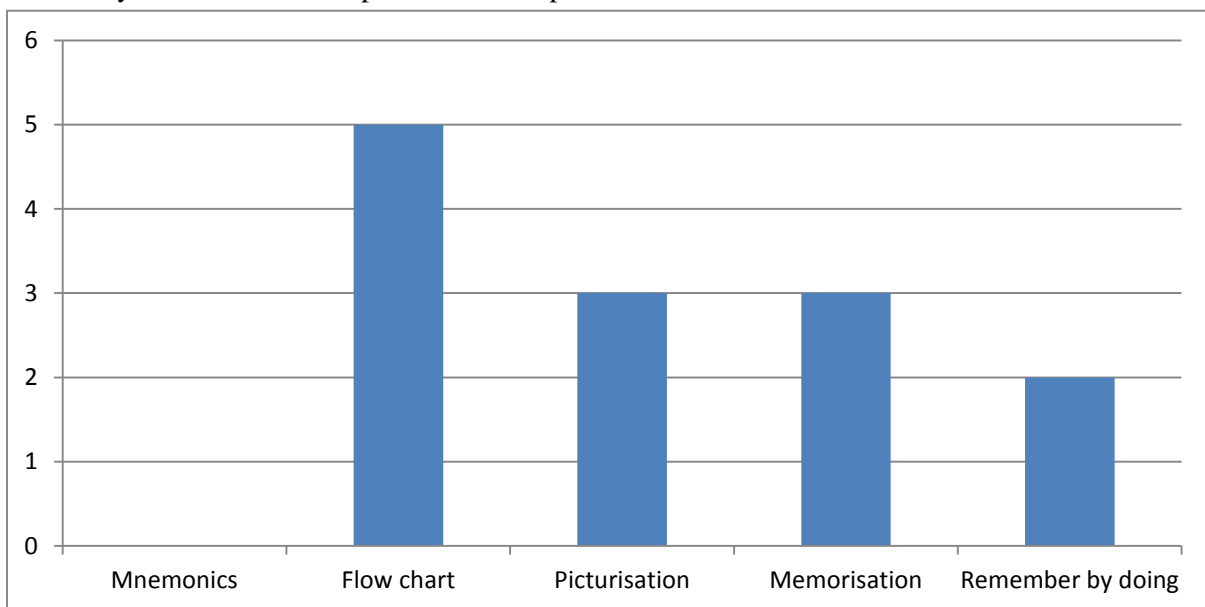
Q.1 How many hours do you study in a day?



Q.2 Which method of studying do you prefer?



Q.3 What do you do to remember particular concept?



Q.4 How do you take out the notes?



**Q.5 Which mobile applications do you use for learning?**

In the research, it is observed that still many of the students lack in smart study and do not make use of new technology for study purpose. The percentage should be enhanced so as to start smart study.

**Conclusion**

- The percentage of students preparing study schedule is appreciable but the percentage of students following the schedule should be increased.
- Students must consult parents but not take help for each and everything which can be obligation for students’ educational growth.
- Reading, taking notes, taking out important is must for better studies which is seen common in the students
- Many of the students have ultimate objective of marks. But it should also include personality development as well as knowledge gain as their objectives.

**Model questionnaire**

**Questionnaire**

There are certain sentences given in the first column. Scale or rating is given in subsequent columns. Please tick answer that you think appropriate to the sentences.

Sr. No.	Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1.	I prepare a schedule for my studies			●	
2.	I follow the schedule meticulously			●	
3.	I need my parents To guide me.			●	
4.	I study theory and practical subjects in the same manner.		●		
5.	I think that mugging up the points helps in answering		●		
6.	Carefully reading the chapter is very important.				●



7.	I take notes.			●	
8.	I highlight the important points in the chapter.			●	
9.	I study with an objective of scoring better grades in an examination only.		●		
10.	I study with an objective of developing my personality rather than merely scoring marks.			●	

Q.1 How many hours do you study in a day?

Less than 30 minutes a day

One hour a day

2 hours a day

3 hours a day

4 hours a day

5 hours a day

6 hours a day

More than 6 hours, please mention the hours \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. 2 hours a day**

Q.2 Which methods of studying do you prefer?

Self-study

Coaching class

Guidance of elder brother or other family member

All the above

None of the above, please mention the method. \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. All the above or self-study + coaching classes**

Q.3 What do you do to remember particular concept?

I develop mnemonics

I remember it through flow charts

I remember it by picturing the process

I develop some memory assistants

Remember by applying the principles in practice

Remembering by doing

Any other, please mention \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. Mnemonics or Flow chart or Picturing or application of principles**

Q.4 How do you take out the notes / importants?

I insert a blank page in between two pages in the book and take notes on the blank page

Class notes are different

Personal notes are different

I synchronize class notes with personal notes

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I take notes on my laptop in “One Note” software of Microsoft

Any other, please mention \_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. Inserting blank pages or synchronization of notes**

Q.5 Which mobile applications do you use for learning? Please mention

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Ans. You can use many apps according to your studies such as dictionaries for languages, science books. Also you can Google your doubts to clear them.**

Any other information you want to write regarding your method of study

After the research the model was prepared as above and then the pilot survey was done so as to check whether it is helpful for students or not.

Out of the 10 students, 3 students asked for changes in daily hours for studies and parents guidance.

Remaining students gave positive feedback that it would be helpful to improve the studies.

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