

My Beloved Colleagues Assalamu Alaikum,

Welcome to Semester 2, 2012

FIVE PHASES OF DR. CEMERLANG'S TEACHING METHOD

PHASE ONE

Dr. *Cemerlang* (*Not real name*) enters in the classroom with a big smile in her face. She gives her Salam loudly to her students and puts her laptop on the table and makes ready her presentation. Dr. *Cemerlang* does not start her presentation immediately. She walks in the classroom and asks her students whether they have any problem such as family problem, personal problem, lecture problem and so on. She even writes her mobile number on the white board in case some shy students sms her. Dr. *Cemerlang* has spent so far 5 minutes in this first very vital phase of teaching in her classroom.

QUESTION:

Why Does Dr. *Cemerlang* spends her five minutes of valuable time in asking students personal problem?

ANSWER:

According to the latest research and empirical studies, she is convinced that students' behavior, state of mind and emotion must be taken care of first, before even teaching starts otherwise; there is no concentration, no attention and finally no learning.

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