Comprehensive Exam Question for Instructional Leadership

Throughout your graduate program, you have been exposed to various approaches, ideas, and theories related to instructional leadership. Participation in this program of study has increased your awareness of the many facets of the Principalship including finance, legal issues, curriculum development, practice, and policy related to educating today's children. Hopefully, this knowledge will positively impact the quality of learning experiences you will provide your students when you become an administrator.

In a well-developed narrative essay, describe how participation in your graduate program has influenced your philosophy of education and/or the ideals you had prior to the program and now post-program. Your description must include at least three (3) specific examples. Each example must come from a separate course, and the contributing course must be identified in your response. Further, each example provided must be supported with information from at least one pertinent, scholarly source, such as a professional organization, textbook, government document, or journal article, and the source must be correctly cited within the body of the text using APA guidelines. A printed list of sources may be brought with you to the exam.

Your response will be evaluated by three (3) faculty readers using the attached rubric. Two of the three readers must agree that you have satisfactorily met the outlined requirements in terms of content and written expression in order for you to successfully pass your comprehensive exam.