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Home Landscape Analysis

Competency: FL DOE 20.04 Identify points of emphasis and major design areas in the residential landscape.

Directions: Answer the questions below based on an analysis of your yard given your knowledge of home landscape design. Your answers should be in complete, well thought out sentences.

Think of the landscape set up you currently have at your home. Is it a large back yard? Maybe it's a small patio area built off of an apartment with some potted plants. Whatever your current set up may look like, it serves a purpose for your family. For this assignment, I would like you to determine the purpose of your area and analyze its efficiency. Following the questions below, please determine the functionality of your yard area and design a new, more effective landscape design.

The Analysis

1. Describe the layout of your yard area. This should be descriptive enough to give me a mental picture of your yard.
2. Are there any plants growing in your yard? If so, list their plant name and functionality (Ex. We have Marigolds in our yard to attract pollinators).
3. What types of structures, if any, are in your yard (Ex. Fountains, bird feeders, swings, a pool)?
4. How do you spend time in your yard? What is the purpose it currently serves?
5. What are some limitations of your yard area (Ex. Too much shade, too small, needs a lot of maintenance)?

The Redesign

6. If you were to redesign your yard landscape, what new things would you incorporate and why?

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7. What plants would you have in your yard and what purpose would they serve?
8. Discuss your yard with your family; what would they like to see represented in your new design? Would your mom like a garden space? Would your siblings like a clearer area to play with their dog?
9. Describe your new landscape design. This should be descriptive enough to give me a mental picture of your yard.
10. Compare your new design to the one currently in your yard. What are the strengths of your new design in comparison? Which yard is more efficient?

Bonus question: Please answer in 3-5 complete sentences.

What factors did you consider when analyzing and redesigning your landscape to optimize efficiency? Will these factors be the same for every family?