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- Does the material adequately address the course objectives?
- Does the material provide enough scope, background information and connection between concepts?
- Can I locate enough high-quality material on the subject?
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