

Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

True / False Questions

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True False

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Multiple Choice Questions

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A. norms.

B. strategies.

C. ethics.

D. laws.

E. rules.

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29. That businesspeople are expected not to harm customers, clients, and competitors knowingly through deception, misrepresentation, coercion, or discrimination is part of
- A. fairness and honesty.
 - B. communications.
 - C. conflict of interest.
 - D. business relationships.
 - E. consumerism.
30. If Sony was investigated for allegedly raising prices of its PlayStation excessively during the Christmas buying season and thereby manipulating the supply of games available at that time, this would be an ethical issue concerned primarily with
- A. conflict of interest.
 - B. communications.
 - C. fairness and honesty.
 - D. cost control.
 - E. game rules.
31. Making claims about dietary supplements or the health benefits of certain unproven ingredients is an issue related to
- A. conflict of interest.
 - B. communications.
 - C. product design.
 - D. business relationships.
 - E. financing.

32. The warning on cigarette packages about the health implications of smoking is an example of which of the following ethical issues?

- A. Conflict of interest
- B. Fairness and honesty
- C. Communications
- D. Relationships within a business
- E. Environmental issues

33. The following behavior is an example of ethical consideration within business relationships:

- A. keeping company secrets.
- B. communicating with customers.
- C. whistleblowing.
- D. obeying environmental laws.
- E. donating to local charities.

34. If a manager pressures a subordinate to engage in activities that he or she may otherwise view as unethical, such as engaging in accounting fraud or stealing a competitor's secrets, there exists an ethical issue related to

- A. plagiarism.
- B. business relationships.
- C. communications.
- D. fairness and honesty.
- E. conflicts of interest.

35. If an employee learned of a significant cost-saving idea from a coworker and then informed management of the idea without revealing its true source, then the employee would be involved in
- A. keeping a secret.
 - B. career advancement.
 - C. plagiarism.
 - D. bullying.
 - E. bribery.

Essay Questions

36. What are some of the general ethical issues in business?

37. How do you recognize an ethical issue in business?

True / False Questions

38. Establishing and enforcing ethical standards and policies within business can help reduce unethical behavior by prescribing which activities are acceptable and which are not and by removing the opportunity to act unethically.

True False

39. Without a code of ethics or formal policy on ethics, employees are likely to base their decisions on how their peers and superiors behave.

True False

40. Codes of ethics foster ethical behavior because they expand the opportunity to behave unethically.

True False

41. Ethical decisions in an organization are influenced by three key factors.

True False

42. Codes of ethics are formalized rules and standards that describe what the company expects of its employees.

True False

Multiple Choice Questions

43. Many employees utilize different ____ at work than they do at home.

- A. ethical standards
- B. codes of ethics
- C. conflicts of interest
- D. communication skills
- E. body language

44. A large number of ____ cases result in retaliation against the employee, even though the government has tried to take steps to protect workers and to encourage reporting of misconduct.

- A. executive
- B. white collar crime
- C. whistleblower
- D. petty theft
- E. federal

45. A set of formalized rules and standards that describe what a company expects of its employees is called a(n)

- A. code of ethics.
- B. opportunity.
- C. moral philosophy.
- D. guideline.
- E. law.

46. ____ is the act of an employee exposing an employer's wrongdoing to outsiders.

- A. Fraud
- B. Whistleblowing
- C. Plagiarism
- D. Bullying
- E. A criminal lawsuit

47. Codes of ethics foster ethical behavior by

- A. expanding the opportunity to behave unethically by providing rewards for following the rules.
- B. limiting the opportunity to behave unethically by providing punishments for violations of the rules and standards.
- C. limiting the opportunity to behave unethically by providing rewards for violations of the rules and standards.
- D. expanding the opportunity to behave ethically by providing punishments for following the rules.
- E. encouraging employees to bend the rules.

48. Unethical behavior in business can be reduced if management does all of the following *except*

- A. establishes clear policies on unethical behavior.
- B. limits opportunities for unethical behavior.
- C. establishes formal rules and procedures.
- D. punishes unethical behavior firmly.
- E. depends totally on employees' personal ethics.

49. According to the text, ethical decisions in an organization are influenced by (1) individual moral standards, (2) the influence of managers and co-workers, and (3)

- A. religious values.
- B. informal ethical policies or rules.
- C. opportunity to engage in misconduct.
- D. family influence.
- E. the founder's values.

50. Which of the following should help reduce the incidence of unethical behavior in an organization?

- A. Understanding that individual moral standards, the influence of managers and coworkers, and opportunity influence ethical behavior
- B. Maximizing ethical conflict in work groups
- C. Expanding opportunity by providing punishments for violations of the rules
- D. Overlooking violations of codes of ethics
- E. Retaliating against whistleblowers

51. A code of ethics represents _____ rules and standards of what a company expects of its employees.

- A. team
- B. unceremonious
- C. authority
- D. formalized
- E. situational

Essay Questions

52. How can an organization improve ethical behavior?

53. Why is it increasingly common for organizations to have a code of ethics and compliance programs?

True / False Questions

54. There are four dimensions of social responsibility: economic, legal, ethical, and voluntary.

True False

55. The concept of social responsibility is universally accepted.

True False

56. One of the dimensions of social responsibility is philosophical.

True False

57. Increasingly, companies are introducing eco-friendly and socially responsible products to satisfy consumer demand and improve their images.

True False

58. Corporate citizenship is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic, and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by their owners.

True False

59. Voluntary responsibilities are optional activities that promote human welfare or goodwill.

True False

Multiple Choice Questions

60. _____ is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by their stakeholders.

- A. A code of conduct
- B. A code of ethics
- C. Fairness
- D. Corporate citizenship
- E. Whistleblowing

61. Obeying the law is a business's _____.

- A. right
- B. choice
- C. economic responsibility
- D. legal responsibility
- E. ethical responsibility

62. Avoiding misconduct and doing what is right, just, and fair relates to a business's

- A. economic responsibility.
- B. corporate citizenship.
- C. legal responsibility.
- D. ethical responsibility.
- E. government responsibility.

63. Which is *not* a dimension of social responsibility?

- A. Legal
- B. Philosophic
- C. Economic
- D. Voluntary
- E. Ethical

64. Being profitable relates to which social responsibility dimension?

- A. Economic
- B. Voluntary
- C. Ethical
- D. Legal
- E. Corporate citizenship

65. Which of the following is *not* one of the dimensions of social responsibility?

- A. Voluntary
- B. Economic
- C. Legal
- D. Ethical
- E. Citizenship

66. Philanthropic contributions made by a business to a charitable organization represent which dimension of social responsibility?

- A. Corporate citizenship
- B. Economic
- C. Legal
- D. Ethical
- E. Voluntary

67. Studies have found a direct link between social responsibility and _____ in business.

- A. profitability
- B. ethics
- C. declining stock prices
- D. happiness of stakeholders
- E. global warming

Essay Questions

68. What are the four dimensions of social responsibility?

69. Discuss what companies have done to address environmental concerns and to become more sustainable.

True / False Questions

70. Without employees, a business cannot carry out its goals.

True False

71. Recycling is a business response to employee issues.

True False

72. The right to safety requires that businesses provide a safe place for consumers to shop.

True False

73. A major social responsibility for business is providing equal opportunities for all employees.

True False

74. Sustainability involves conducting activities so as to provide for the long-term well-being of the natural environment, including all biological entities.

True False

75. Managers consider social responsibility on an annual basis.

True False

Multiple Choice Questions

76. ____ is the activities that individuals, groups, and organizations undertake to protect their rights as consumers.

- A. Consumerism
- B. Civil rights
- C. Protectionism
- D. Conspicuous consumption
- E. Shopping

77. John F. Kennedy's consumer bill of rights outlined four rights: the right to be informed, the right to choose, the right to be heard, and the right to

- A. regulations.
- B. service.
- C. easy credit.
- D. shop wherever you want.
- E. safety.

78. Consumers vote against firms they view as socially irresponsible by not

- A. boycotting the company's products.
- B. expressing dissatisfaction by protesting.
- C. writing their representatives in Congress.
- D. buying the company's products.
- E. filing complaints with the company.

79. Water and soil pollution from oil and gas drilling is primarily what type of concern?

- A. Consumer relations
- B. Environmental issues
- C. Community relations
- D. Employee relations
- E. Relations with stockholders

80. Which of the following is *not* an area of environmental concern in society today?

- A. Animal rights
- B. Land pollution
- C. Waste disposal
- D. The hard-core unemployed
- E. Business practices that harm endangered wildlife

81. Laws regarding safety in the workplace are enforced by the _____.

- A. Federal Trade Commission
- B. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- C. Environmental Protection Agency
- D. consumer bill of rights
- E. codes of ethics

82. One role of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection is to protect consumers from _____.

- A. ethics
- B. fraud
- C. laws
- D. power
- E. unity of command

83. The most common way that businesses exercise community responsibility is through.

- A. codes of ethics.
- B. environmental reports.
- C. obeying the law.
- D. recycling.
- E. contributions to charitable organizations.

84. The fact that environmental responsibility requires trade-offs means that it

- A. should not be done.
- B. is impossible.
- C. generates profits.
- D. imposes costs on both business and the public.
- E. is not a good idea.

85. The _____ gives consumers the freedom to review complete information about the products they are buying.

- A. right to be informed
- B. right to be heard
- C. right to purchase
- D. right to choose
- E. right to speak out

86. A major social responsibility for businesses is providing _____ for all employees.

- A. equal wages
- B. equal opportunities
- C. more free time
- D. better healthcare
- E. equal holiday pay

87. _____ refers to attaching a positive environmental association on an unsuitable product, service, or practice.

- A. Greenwashing
- B. Whitewashing
- C. Environmentalism
- D. Corporate citizenship
- E. Community relations

88. Many businesses, recognizing that employees lack basic work skills, are becoming more concerned about the quality of ____ in the United States.

- A. job opportunities
- B. education
- C. philanthropy
- D. management
- E. community relations

Essay Questions

89. Discuss the sustainability issues managers must confront in dealing with social responsibility issues.

90. Discuss the community relations issues that concern businesses.

Multiple Choice Questions

91. What did Jon Barnard do to help Checkers develop a competitive advantage over the competition?

- A. Handed out coupons
- B. Developed a database that improved efficiency
- C. Conducted a customer survey
- D. Raised prices
- E. Lowered prices

92. What did Barnard want to do with the information gathered on his customers?

- A. Track their daily activities
- B. Improve his advertising campaigns
- C. Give the best customers an award for loyalty
- D. Create a better pricing system
- E. Change the pizza recipe

Essay Questions

93. What are some of the ethical issues in giving customers an award for consumption behavior without notifying them first?

94. Do you see Barnard's plan to offer a prize to the highest-consuming customers as a potential violation of privacy? Explain.

95. How would you handle the situation if you were Barnard?

Chapter 02 Business Ethics and Social Responsibility **Answer Key**

True / False Questions

1. Business ethics refers to principles and standards that determine acceptable conduct in business organizations.

TRUE

These principles and standards define acceptable behavior for individuals within an organization as well as the organization at large.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-01 Define business ethics and social responsibility and examine their importance.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

2. Ethics and social responsibility mean the same thing.

FALSE

Business ethics are the principles and standards that determine acceptable conduct in businesses. Social responsibility is a broader concept. It is a business's obligation to maximize its positive impact and minimize its negative impact on society.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

3. Nearly all business decisions may be judged as right or wrong, ethical or unethical.

TRUE

Business decisions, either by law or by society, will be deemed an acceptable practice or not.

AACSB: Ethics

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

4. The most basic ethical concerns have been formalized through laws and regulations that encourage conformity to society's values and norms.

TRUE

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AACSB: Ethics

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5. All a business has to do to maintain ethical conduct is to follow the law.

FALSE

Business ethics goes beyond legal issues by building trust among individuals and in business relationships which validates and promotes confidence among those relationships.

AACSB: Ethics

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

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FALSE

Ethical issues affect all types and sizes of organizations including government, nonprofits such as universities, sports and individuals.

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Multiple Choice Questions

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AACSB: Reflective Thinking

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The acceptability of behavior in business varies in part depending on local values, moral principles, and customs.

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

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Ethical conduct builds trust and credibility. When ethical violations are committed, it is very difficult to restore trust and confidence.

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

Essay Questions

17. What is business ethics?

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AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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18. Choose an issue that has been prominently featured in the news and discuss the ethical implications of this issue. Make sure to define any key terms that you use in your response.

Students' answers will vary, but they should aim to use and define key terms such as business ethics and social responsibility. They may also want to define and discuss the term ethical issue. Pay careful attention that students truly understand what business ethics is and that they are using the terms properly.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

True / False Questions

19. An ethical issue is an identifiable problem, situation, or opportunity that requires a person or organization to choose from among several actions that may be evaluated as ethical or unethical.

TRUE

In business, this choice usually involves weighing monetary gain against what a person considers appropriate conduct.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

20. The best way to judge the ethics of a decision is to look at it from a manager's or employee's point of view.

FALSE

The best way to judge the ethics of a decision is to look at it from a customer's or competitor's point of view.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

21. Theft of time is the leading area of misconduct observed in the workplace.

TRUE

Use of social media, video, and shopping sites while at work results in lost productivity and profits for employers.

AACSB: Ethics

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

22. Conflicts of interest are payments, gifts, or special favors intended to influence the outcome of a decision.

FALSE

Conflicts of interest exist when a person must choose between advancing his or her own personal interests or those of others. Bribes are payments, gifts, or special favors intended to influence the outcome of a decision.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

23. Ethics is related to the culture in which a business operates.

TRUE

Different cultures may abide by different ethical standards; for example, in the U.S. it could be viewed as a bribe to bring a gift to a business meeting but in Japan it is considered impolite to not bring a gift to a business meeting.

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

24. Workplace bullying is an increasing problem.

TRUE

Bullying has become a widespread problem in the U.S., and it can cause psychological damage to its victims.

AACSB: Ethics

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

25. It is almost always easy to recognize specific ethical issues.

FALSE

It is usually difficult to recognize specific ethical issues in practice.

AACSB: Ethics

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Multiple Choice Questions

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 - B. is engaging in bribery.
 - C. has a conflict of interest.
 - D. is cheating.
 - E. has broken the law.

A conflict of interest occurs when an employee must choose whether to advance his or her own interests or those of others or the firm.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

27. Managers use the _____ of their position to influence employees' decisions and actions.

- A. authority
- B. standards
- C. scope
- D. responsibility
- E. acceptance

Because of the inherent authority of their position, managers have the opportunity to influence employees' actions.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

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Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

28. _____ involves taking someone else's work and presenting it as your own.

- A. Conflict of interest
- B. Bullying
- C. Manipulation
- D. Bribery
- E. Plagiarism

In business, the ethical issue of plagiarism arises when an employee copies reports or takes the work or ideas of others and presents it as his or her own.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

29. That businesspeople are expected not to harm customers, clients, and competitors knowingly through deception, misrepresentation, coercion, or discrimination is part of
- A. fairness and honesty.
 - B. communications.
 - C. conflict of interest.
 - D. business relationships.
 - E. consumerism.

Fairness and honesty are at the heart of ethics and relate to values of decision makers such as not pilfering office supplies or engaging in collusive behavior.

30. If Sony was investigated for allegedly raising prices of its PlayStation excessively during the Christmas buying season and thereby manipulating the supply of games available at that time, this would be an ethical issue concerned primarily with

- A. conflict of interest.
- B. communications.
- C. fairness and honesty.
- D. cost control.
- E. game rules.

One aspect of fairness relates to competition, and companies sometime attempt to gain control over markets by using questionable practices, such as manipulating the supply of products, that harm competition.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

31. Making claims about dietary supplements or the health benefits of certain unproven ingredients is an issue related to

- A. conflict of interest.
- B.** communications.
- C. product design.
- D. business relationships.
- E. financing.

Truthfulness about product quality and effectiveness is important to consumers. Many marketers of supplements make unproven or even false claims that their products will help the consumer lose weight, gain muscle, or improve their overall health.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

32. The warning on cigarette packages about the health implications of smoking is an example of which of the following ethical issues?

- A. Conflict of interest
- B. Fairness and honesty
- C. Communications
- D. Relationships within a business
- E. Environmental issues

An important aspect of communications regarding an ethical issue is product labeling such as the Surgeon General's warning on cigarette packages.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

33. The following behavior is an example of ethical consideration within business relationships:

- A. keeping company secrets.
- B. communicating with customers.
- C. whistleblowing.
- D. obeying environmental laws.
- E. donating to local charities.

Ethical behavior within a business involves keeping company secrets, meeting obligations and responsibilities, and avoiding undue pressure that may force others to act unethically.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

34. If a manager pressures a subordinate to engage in activities that he or she may otherwise view as unethical, such as engaging in accounting fraud or stealing a competitor's secrets, there exists an ethical issue related to
- A. plagiarism.
 - B.** business relationships.
 - C. communications.
 - D. fairness and honesty.
 - E. conflicts of interest.

Ethical issues related to business relationships include the responsibility of managers to help an organization achieve its goals without compromising employee rights.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

35. If an employee learned of a significant cost-saving idea from a coworker and then informed management of the idea without revealing its true source, then the employee would be involved in
- A. keeping a secret.
 - B. career advancement.
 - C. plagiarism.
 - D. bullying.
 - E. bribery.

Plagiarism is taking someone else's work or idea and presenting it as your own without crediting its source.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

Essay Questions

36. What are some of the general ethical issues in business?

General ethical issues include conflicts of interest that exist when people must choose whether to advance their own personal interests or those of others. Fairness and honesty relate to the general values of decision makers. Communication is another area in which ethical concerns may arise. Business people's behavior toward customers, suppliers, and others in their workplaces may also generate ethical concerns.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

37. How do you recognize an ethical issue in business?

An ethical issue is an identifiable problem, situation, or opportunity that requires a person to choose from among several actions that may be evaluated as right or wrong, ethical or unethical. In business, such a choice often involves weighing monetary profit against what a person considers appropriate conduct. The best way to judge the ethics of a decision is to look at a situation from a customer's or competitor's viewpoint.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-02 Detect some of the ethical issues that may arise in business.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

True / False Questions

38. Establishing and enforcing ethical standards and policies within business can help reduce unethical behavior by prescribing which activities are acceptable and which are not and by removing the opportunity to act unethically.

TRUE

Ethics codes and compliance requirements limit the opportunity to act unethically while consistently enforcing punishments for unethical behavior to reduce unethical acts by individuals within an organization.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

39. Without a code of ethics or formal policy on ethics, employees are likely to base their decisions on how their peers and superiors behave.

TRUE

A code of ethics ensures all employees, including senior level executives, are clear on what ethical standards are expected of them.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

40. Codes of ethics foster ethical behavior because they expand the opportunity to behave unethically.

FALSE

Codes of ethics foster ethical behavior because they reduce the opportunity to behave unethically.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

41. Ethical decisions in an organization are influenced by three key factors.

TRUE

Ethical decisions in an organization are influenced by individual moral standards, the influence of managers and co-workers, and the opportunity to engage in misconduct.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

42. Codes of ethics are formalized rules and standards that describe what the company expects of its employees.

TRUE

Codes of ethics do not take into consideration every situation but they should provide a clear means of appropriate behavior and steps to take in addressing ethical issues and/or concerns.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

Multiple Choice Questions

43. Many employees utilize different ____ at work than they do at home.

- A. ethical standards
- B. codes of ethics
- C. conflicts of interest
- D. communication skills
- E. body language

Many employees utilize different ethical standards at work than they do at home. At work, people are influenced by corporate culture, co-workers, and rules and policies that may all conflict with their own personal moral standards.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

44. A large number of ____ cases result in retaliation against the employee, even though the government has tried to take steps to protect workers and to encourage reporting of misconduct.
- A. executive
 - B. white collar crime
 - C. whistleblower
 - D. petty theft
 - E. federal

The government seeks to reward firms that report misconduct; however many whistleblowers still suffer retaliation. Congress has taken steps to close a legislative loophole that resulted in the dismissal of many whistleblower complaints.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

45. A set of formalized rules and standards that describe what a company expects of its employees is called a(n)

- A. code of ethics.
- B. opportunity.
- C. moral philosophy.
- D. guideline.
- E. law.

Codes of ethics are formalized rules and standards that describe what the company expects of its employees.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

46. ____ is the act of an employee exposing an employer's wrongdoing to outsiders.

- A. Fraud
- B. Whistleblowing
- C. Plagiarism
- D. Bullying
- E. A criminal lawsuit

Whistleblowing occurs when there is a lack of anonymous reporting mechanisms in a company and an employee therefore finds it necessary to expose the firm's wrongdoing to the government or media.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

47. Codes of ethics foster ethical behavior by
- A. expanding the opportunity to behave unethically by providing rewards for following the rules.
 - B.** limiting the opportunity to behave unethically by providing punishments for violations of the rules and standards.
 - C. limiting the opportunity to behave unethically by providing rewards for violations of the rules and standards.
 - D. expanding the opportunity to behave ethically by providing punishments for following the rules.
 - E. encouraging employees to bend the rules.

Codes of ethics set clear guidelines for employees regarding what ethical behavior is expected of them. It also creates a formal procedure for infractions committed by employees related to ethical issues.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

48. Unethical behavior in business can be reduced if management does all of the following *except*
- A. establishes clear policies on unethical behavior.
 - B. limits opportunities for unethical behavior.
 - C. establishes formal rules and procedures.
 - D. punishes unethical behavior firmly.
 - E. depends totally on employees' personal ethics.

A company should never rely on an employees' personal ethics to guide ethical standards due to the wide array or lack of moral standards that an individual maintains.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

49. According to the text, ethical decisions in an organization are influenced by (1) individual moral standards, (2) the influence of managers and co-workers, and (3)
- A. religious values.
 - B. informal ethical policies or rules.
 - C. opportunity to engage in misconduct.
 - D. family influence.
 - E. the founder's values.

Three factors that influence business ethics are individual moral standards, the influence of managers and co-workers and the opportunity to engage in misconduct which in turn is influenced by ethics codes and compliance requirements.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

50. Which of the following should help reduce the incidence of unethical behavior in an organization?

- A. Understanding that individual moral standards, the influence of managers and coworkers, and opportunity influence ethical behavior
- B. Maximizing ethical conflict in work groups
- C. Expanding opportunity by providing punishments for violations of the rules
- D. Overlooking violations of codes of ethics
- E. Retaliating against whistleblowers

Understanding the influences of business ethics leads to establishing codes of ethics and compliance requirements that reduce unethical behavior in an organization.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

51. A code of ethics represents _____ rules and standards of what a company expects of its employees.

- A. team
- B. unceremonious
- C. authority
- D. formalized
- E. situational

A code of ethics establishes what types of behavior are acceptable and which are not, and limits the opportunity for misconduct by clearly defining violations and establishing punishment.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

Essay Questions

52. How can an organization improve ethical behavior?

Understanding how people choose their ethical standards and what prompts them to engage in unethical behavior may reverse the current trend toward unethical behavior in business. Establishing and enforcing ethical standards and policies within a business can reduce unethical behavior by describing which activities are acceptable and which are not and removing the opportunity to act unethically. Codes of ethics and training programs can help the business create a corporate culture that encourages ethical behavior.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

53. Why is it increasingly common for organizations to have a code of ethics and compliance programs?

In addition to legal incentives like the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, many organizations have learned that their reputations will improve and their financial performance will strengthen after they implement ethics programs. Organizations recognize that effective business ethics programs are good for business performance. Firms that develop higher levels of trust function more efficiently and effectively and avoid damaged company reputations and product images. Organizational ethics initiatives have been supportive of many positive and diverse organizational objectives, such as profitability, hiring, employee satisfaction, and customer loyalty.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-03 Specify how businesses can promote ethical behavior.

True / False Questions

54. There are four dimensions of social responsibility: economic, legal, ethical, and voluntary.

TRUE

There are four dimensions of social responsibility: economic, legal, ethical, and voluntary.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

55. The concept of social responsibility is universally accepted.

FALSE

Even though the concept of social responsibility is receiving more and more attention, it is still not universally accepted.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

56. One of the dimensions of social responsibility is philosophical.

FALSE

The economic responsibilities include earning a profit; the legal responsibilities include abiding by laws; the ethical responsibilities include doing what is right; and the voluntary responsibilities include promoting goodwill.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

57. Increasingly, companies are introducing eco-friendly and socially responsible products to satisfy consumer demand and improve their images.

TRUE

To respond to climate change and fair labor concerns, many companies including Walmart have increased their eco-friendly offerings.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

58. Corporate citizenship is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic, and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by their owners.

FALSE

Corporate citizenship is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic, and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by various stakeholders.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

59. Voluntary responsibilities are optional activities that promote human welfare or goodwill.

TRUE

Voluntary responsibilities are not required but contribute to the community and quality of life.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

Multiple Choice Questions

60. _____ is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by their stakeholders.

- A. A code of conduct
- B. A code of ethics
- C. Fairness
- D. Corporate citizenship**
- E. Whistleblowing

Corporate citizenship is the extent to which businesses meet the legal, ethical, economic and voluntary responsibilities placed on them by their stakeholders.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

61. Obeying the law is a business's _____.

- A. right
- B. choice
- C. economic responsibility
- D. legal responsibility**
- E. ethical responsibility

Businesses, like all organizations, have a legal responsibility to obey the law.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Understand

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

62. Avoiding misconduct and doing what is right, just, and fair relates to a business's
- A. economic responsibility.
 - B. corporate citizenship.
 - C. legal responsibility.
 - D.** ethical responsibility.
 - E. government responsibility.

Ethical responsibilities, the third level of social responsibility, require that a firm act ethically and to do what is right, just, and fair.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

63. Which is *not* a dimension of social responsibility?
- A. Legal
 - B.** Philosophic
 - C. Economic
 - D. Voluntary
 - E. Ethical

The four dimensions of social responsibility are legal, economic, voluntary, and ethical.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

64. Being profitable relates to which social responsibility dimension?

- A. Economic
- B. Voluntary
- C. Ethical
- D. Legal
- E. Corporate citizenship

Economic responsibility refers to earning a profit which is the foundation of a company.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

65. Which of the following is *not* one of the dimensions of social responsibility?

- A. Voluntary
- B. Economic
- C. Legal
- D. Ethical
- E. Citizenship

The four dimensions of social responsibility are legal, economic, voluntary, and ethical.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

66. Philanthropic contributions made by a business to a charitable organization represent which dimension of social responsibility?

- A. Corporate citizenship
- B. Economic
- C. Legal
- D. Ethical
- E. Voluntary

Voluntary responsibilities include philanthropic donations.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

67. Studies have found a direct link between social responsibility and _____ in business.

- A. profitability
- B. ethics
- C. declining stock prices
- D. happiness of stakeholders
- E. global warming

Studies have found a direct link between social responsibility and profitability in business as well as employee commitment and consumer loyalty.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

Essay Questions

68. What are the four dimensions of social responsibility?

Economic, legal, ethical, and voluntary concerns represent the four dimensions of social responsibility. Earning profits is the foundation of these dimensions and complying with the law is the next step. A business whose sole objective is to maximize profits is not likely to consider its social responsibility, although its activities will probably be legal. Voluntary responsibilities are additional activities that may not be required, but they promote human welfare or goodwill.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

69. Discuss what companies have done to address environmental concerns and to become more sustainable.

Partly in response to federal legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and partly due to consumer concerns, businesses are responding to environmental issues. Many small and large companies including Walt Disney Company, Chevron, and Scott Paper, have created an executive position—a vice president of environmental affairs—to help them achieve their business goals in an environmentally responsible manner. A survey indicated that the majority of *Fortune* 500 companies have a written environmental policy, engage in recycling efforts, and have made investments in waste-reduction efforts. Some companies are finding that environmental consciousness can even save them money.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-04 Explain the four dimensions of social responsibility.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

True / False Questions

70. Without employees, a business cannot carry out its goals.

TRUE

Employees are critical to maintaining a functional and profitable business.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

71. Recycling is a business response to employee issues.

FALSE

Recycling is a business response to environmental issues.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

72. The right to safety requires that businesses provide a safe place for consumers to shop.

TRUE

The right to safety was one of the consumer rights outlined by John F Kennedy in 1962. It continues to be a concern among product recalls and increased outsourcing of manufacturing.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

73. A major social responsibility for business is providing equal opportunities for all employees.

TRUE

A major legal and social responsibility for business is providing equal opportunities for all employees regardless of their sex, age, race, religion or nationality.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

74. Sustainability involves conducting activities so as to provide for the long-term well-being of the natural environment, including all biological entities.

TRUE

Sustainability has become a major concern for business and society.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

75. Managers consider social responsibility on an annual basis.

FALSE

Managers consider social responsibility on an ongoing, often daily basis as with ethical concerns.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

Multiple Choice Questions

76. ____ is the activities that individuals, groups, and organizations undertake to protect their rights as consumers.

- A. Consumerism
- B. Civil rights
- C. Protectionism
- D. Conspicuous consumption
- E. Shopping

Consumerism is defined as the activities that individuals, groups, and organizations undertake to protect their rights as consumers.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

77. John F. Kennedy's consumer bill of rights outlined four rights: the right to be informed, the right to choose, the right to be heard, and the right to

- A. regulations.
- B. service.
- C. easy credit.
- D. shop wherever you want.
- E. safety.

John F. Kennedy's 1962 consumer bill included the right to be informed, the right to choose, the right to be heard, and the right to safety.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

78. Consumers vote against firms they view as socially irresponsible by not

- A. boycotting the company's products.
- B. expressing dissatisfaction by protesting.
- C. writing their representatives in Congress.
- D. buying the company's products.
- E. filing complaints with the company.

Consumerism is the act of protecting consumer rights and boycotting companies based on socially irresponsible behavior is one way to protect consumer rights.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Understand

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

79. Water and soil pollution from oil and gas drilling is primarily what type of concern?

- A. Consumer relations
- B. Environmental issues**
- C. Community relations
- D. Employee relations
- E. Relations with stockholders

One area of environmental concern is pollution of water and soil from business activities.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

80. Which of the following is *not* an area of environmental concern in society today?

- A. Animal rights
- B. Land pollution
- C. Waste disposal
- D. The hard-core unemployed**
- E. Business practices that harm endangered wildlife

The hard-core unemployed is an issue associated with community relations in society today.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

81. Laws regarding safety in the workplace are enforced by the _____.

- A. Federal Trade Commission
- B. Occupational Safety and Health Administration**
- C. Environmental Protection Agency
- D. consumer bill of rights
- E. codes of ethics

Many laws regarding safety in the workplace are enforced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

82. One role of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection is to protect consumers from _____.

- A. ethics
- B. fraud**
- C. laws
- D. power
- E. unity of command

The Bureau of Consumer Protection enforces a variety of laws designed to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent practices.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Understand

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

83. The most common way that businesses exercise community responsibility is through.
- A. codes of ethics.
 - B. environmental reports.
 - C. obeying the law.
 - D. recycling.
 - E. contributions to charitable organizations.

The most common way that businesses demonstrate their community responsibility is through donations to local and national charitable organizations and causes.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

84. The fact that environmental responsibility requires trade-offs means that it
- A. should not be done.
 - B. is impossible.
 - C. generates profits.
 - D. imposes costs on both business and the public.
 - E. is not a good idea.

Because environmental responsibility imposes costs on both business and the public, managers must coordinate environmental goals with other social and economic goals.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

85. The _____ gives consumers the freedom to review complete information about the products they are buying.

- A. right to be informed
- B. right to be heard
- C. right to purchase
- D. right to choose
- E. right to speak out

The right to be informed provides consumers access to information about the products they wish to buy and ensures vital information is contained on product packages and labels.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

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Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

86. A major social responsibility for businesses is providing _____ for all employees.

- A. equal wages
- B.** equal opportunities
- C. more free time
- D. better healthcare
- E. equal holiday pay

A major social responsibility for all business is providing equal opportunities to all employees regardless of sex, age, race, religion, or nationality.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

87. _____ refers to attaching a positive environmental association on an unsuitable product, service, or practice.

- A.** Greenwashing
- B. Whitewashing
- C. Environmentalism
- D. Corporate citizenship
- E. Community relations

Environmentalists are concerned that some companies are merely *greenwashing*, or "creating a positive association with environmental issues for an unsuitable product, service, or practice."

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

88. Many businesses, recognizing that employees lack basic work skills, are becoming more concerned about the quality of ____ in the United States.

- A. job opportunities
- B.** education
- C. philanthropy
- D. management
- E. community relations

Businesses recognize that today's students are tomorrow's employees and customers, and have come to understand the value of a better educated public.

AACSB: Reflective Thinking

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Role of Ethics in Business

Essay Questions

89. Discuss the sustainability issues managers must confront in dealing with social responsibility issues.

Managers today must consider the consequences of their actions on the environment as a part of their social responsibility. One area of concern is the controversial business practice of animal testing for cosmetics and drugs. Business practices that harm endangered wildlife and their habitats are another environmental issue. Businesses must also be concerned with their contributions to air, water, and land pollution as a result of their operations. In response to these concerns, many firms are trying to eliminate wasteful practices, the emission of pollutants, and/or the use of harmful chemicals from their manufacturing processes.

AACSB: Ethics

Blooms: Remember

Learning Objective: 02-05 Debate an organization's social responsibilities to owners; employees; consumers; the environment; and the community.

Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

90. Discuss the community relations issues that concern businesses.

Businesses must be aware of their responsibilities to the welfare of communities and societies in which they do business. Most commonly, businesses exercise community responsibility through donations to local and national charities. Many companies are concerned with the quality of education in the United States, as students represent the future labor force for businesses. Some companies are letting consumers decide whether they want to contribute to philanthropic causes by offering different versions of products—the higher priced of which donate a portion of profits to a cause. Businesses also have begun to take steps to help the unemployed and hard-core unemployed.

AACSB: Ethics

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Level of Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: The Nature of Social Responsibility

Multiple Choice Questions

91. What did Jon Barnard do to help Checkers develop a competitive advantage over the competition?
- A. Handed out coupons
 - B. Developed a database that improved efficiency**
 - C. Conducted a customer survey
 - D. Raised prices
 - E. Lowered prices

Jon Barnard, Checkers's founder and co-owner, developed a computerized information database that would make Checkers the most efficient competitor and provide insight into consumer buying behavior at the same time.

AACSB: Analytic

Blooms: Apply

Learning Objective: 02-06 Evaluate the ethics of a business's decision.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Solve the Dilemma

92. What did Barnard want to do with the information gathered on his customers?

- A. Track their daily activities
- B. Improve his advertising campaigns
- C. Give the best customers an award for loyalty
- D. Create a better pricing system
- E. Change the pizza recipe

After successfully testing the new system, Barnard put the computerized order network in place in all Checkers outlets. After three months of success, he decided to give an award to the family that ate the most Checkers pizza.

AACSB: Analytic

Blooms: Apply

Learning Objective: 02-06 Evaluate the ethics of a business's decision.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Solve the Dilemma

Essay Questions

93. What are some of the ethical issues in giving customers an award for consumption behavior without notifying them first?

In such a situation, the consumption behavior of the rewarded customer is communicated to the public. It violates the right of the consumer to be informed. The company does know what the effect of this award might have on the winner: negative consequences may be as likely as positive ones.

AACSB: Analytic

Blooms: Apply

Learning Objective: 02-06 Evaluate the ethics of a business's decision.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Solve the Dilemma

94. Do you see Barnard's plan to offer a prize to the highest-consuming customers as a potential violation of privacy? Explain.

The publicity given to the customer violates privacy: it reveals to the public some of his or her behaviors (here, pizza eating habits).

AACSB: Analytic

Blooms: Apply

Learning Objective: 02-06 Evaluate the ethics of a business's decision.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Solve the Dilemma

95. How would you handle the situation if you were Barnard?

Barnard should contact the family concerned and inform them that an award rewarding Checkers' best customer may be given to them if the family accepts the award. The program of the award (especially the news story associated with it) should be described in detail. If the family refuses the award, the next best customer could be contacted.

AACSB: Analytic

Blooms: Apply

Learning Objective: 02-06 Evaluate the ethics of a business's decision.

Level of Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Solve the Dilemma