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 - D. a sales force structure that took advantage of advances in technology.
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- A. solicits input from all customers before implementing its overall strategic plan.
 - B. limits the authority of its salespeople.
 - C. strives to negotiate the highest price possible for its products.
 - D. requires a sales force skilled in creatively solving customer problems.
 - E. emphasizes competition among salespeople, instead of teamwork.
53. Sales should work closely with production because
- A. today's successful sales organizations have a production-orientation.
 - B. sales forecasts guide materials requirements and production schedules.
 - C. production develops the firm's overall mission.
 - D. most salespeople are hired from production.
 - E. no one knows the customer better than production.

54. Which of the following is an accurate generalization regarding the concept of objectives in strategic sales force planning?
- A. Sales force objectives should guide strategic marketing planning.
 - B. The objectives should be specific, and be stated in written form.
 - C. After sales-management strategies are determined, then the objectives for sales management will follow.
 - D. Objectives are not necessary if you have good administrators.
 - E. None of these are correct.
55. Regarding the goals of an organization:
- A. Sales goals should not be stated in writing, because this limits a sales manager's flexibility.
 - B. Management should avoid setting broad goals, because they usually are vague.
 - C. Policy decisions by sales executives should be compatible with sales department goals.
 - D. Management by objectives is a useful concept, but it does not have much practical value in sales force management.
 - E. None of these is correct.
56. Which of the following objectives is least likely to be useful in guiding management?
- A. Maximize profits next year.
 - B. Generate a return on investment of 10 percent next year.
 - C. Next year increase sales by 15 percent over this year's total.
 - D. Hire 10 additional salespeople next year.
 - E. Next year keep selling expenses at 12 percent of sales, as a maximum.
57. Which of the following statements of objectives is really useful in guiding and evaluating management?
- A. Treat our customers fairly.
 - B. Build goodwill among our dealers.
 - C. Increase sales force morale.
 - D. Provide good service for our customers.
 - E. None of these.
58. According to the criteria stated in the text, which of the following goals is best stated?
- A. Maximize profits by expanding our product line.
 - B. Increase our sales.
 - C. In the future, our profitability should increase by 10 percent.
 - D. Stimulate sales by motivating our sales force.
 - E. Increase our market share by 5 percent next year.

59. A plan of action chosen to reach an objective is a:

- A. Strategy.
- B. Policy.
- C. Tactic.
- D. Goal.
- E. Forecast.

60. Which of the following is the best definition of a strategy?

- A. Plan of action by which an organization intends to reach its goal.
- B. Course of action adopted to routinely guide future decision making.
- C. Operational means used to implement a plan.
- D. A study of the past to decide now what to do in the future.
- E. None of these are even close.

61. Which of the following represents the correct order of hierarchy of the given concepts?

- A. Strategies – goals – tactics.
- B. Objectives – strategies – tactics.
- C. Objectives – targets – goals.
- D. Management by objectives – staffing – planning.
- E. Goals – tactics – strategies.

62. Which of the following statements is wrong?

- A. Objectives should be measurable.
- B. Objectives should be specific.
- C. Objectives are the basis for tactical planning.
- D. Objectives should be in alignment with each other.
- E. None of these.

63. Tactics, the activities which must be performed by people in order to achieve the objectives, will most likely succeed if:

- A. They are consistent with the overall strategy of the firm.
- B. They have met with high success in the past.
- C. Old compensation plans are maintained during the period of change in selling responsibilities.
- D. If they conform to tactics devised by competitors.
- E. When they are mandated from the top.

64. The detailed activities that implement a plan of action in a company are called:

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65. Which of the following statements about strategy is wrong?

- A. Usually strategies require some degree of persistence.
- B. Strategic planning is undertaken to achieve objectives.
- C. Strategies should evolve from the company's mission.
- D. Some organizations do not need strategies.
- E. None of these.

66. Which of the following statements is not true?

- A. There are no perfect tactics.
- B. Tactics should be consistent with the strategy.
- C. Tactics should not enter into any discussion strategic alternatives.
- D. All strategies require some tactical implementation.
- E. None of these.

67. Strategic planning usually starts with:

- A. A tactical evaluation of the situation.
- B. A budget.
- C. An evaluation of objectives.
- D. A determination of the firm's mission.
- E. A market research study.

68. As a general rule in a company, sales force management:

- A. Sets the guidelines for marketing management.
- B. Is the most important activity in marketing.
- C. Should be done within the context of the strategic company planning and strategic marketing planning in the firm.
- D. Is unrelated to top-level company planning.
- E. None of these are correct.

69. Normally the first step involved in strategic company planning is to:

- A. Decide on the organization's broad fundamental mission.
- B. Be sure that the sales force tactics are consistent with the marketing strategies.
- C. Make certain that sales force strategies are consistent with overall company strategies.
- D. Prepare the annual overall marketing plan.
- E. Identify tactics that have worked well in the past.

70. In strategic planning, which of the following is the proper sequence of events?

- A. Company planning – marketing planning – sales force planning.
- B. Set your goals – plan your strategy – identify your markets.
- C. Marketing strategy – company strategy – company goal.
- D. Identify company's mission – set sales force goals – plan marketing strategy.
- E. Strategy – tactics – company mission – goals.

71. Which of the following are true?

- A. When a company changes its strategies, it must also change its tactics.
- B. When a company changes its strategies, it should not change tactics.
- C. When a company changes its strategies, it doesn't matter if it changes its tactics.
- D. The same tactics will always work.
- E. Both B and D are true.

72. Regarding strategic planning in a company, it is correct to say that:

- A. Corporate strategies generally are not related to marketing goals.
- B. The strategic planning adopted for the marketing program generally is limited and guided by the company's strategic sales force planning.
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- D. The primary influence on a company's mission is its marketing strategy.
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73. An executive is instructed to decrease her selling expenses by 15 percent next year. This is an example of the company's:

- A. Objectives.
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74. Multiple sales channels are best defined as:

- A. Operating a direct sales force.
- B. Operating a direct sales force as well as a distribution network.
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75. The purpose of team selling is:

- A. To boost morale of the sales force.
- B. To match the expertise of the buyer team.
- C. To develop one leader with a large support group.
- D. To ensure that if one sales member forgets the "pitch," other members of the team can help out.
- E. Give practical experience to new members of the sales team.

76. The Internet and related computer-technology

- A. will eventually replace most salespeople.
- B. have cut the number of salespeople in most firms by about 50%
- C. are tools that help salespeople develop close relationships with their clients.
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- A. should always be used (i.e., transaction selling should never be used).
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- A. Drummers worked for large, wholesale companies.
- B. Drummers sold to general stores.
- C.** Drummers used sophisticated, high-pressure sales strategies.
- D. Drummers were paid a mixture of salary and commission.
- E. Drummers were typically white, protestant men.

Difficulty: Medium
Spiro - Chapter 002 #50

51. In the 1920s, drummers began to be replaced by:

- A. what could be viewed as the modern sales force.
- B. salespeople that worked for just one manufacturer.
- C. salespeople that were the first to embrace the marketing concept.
- D. a sales force structure that took advantage of advances in technology.
- E.** All of these.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #51

52. When practicing relationship marketing, a selling firm typically

- A. solicits input from all customers before implementing its overall strategic plan.
- B. limits the authority of its salespeople.
- C. strives to negotiate the highest price possible for its products.
- D.** requires a sales force skilled in creatively solving customer problems.
- E. emphasizes competition among salespeople, instead of teamwork.

Difficulty: Hard
Spiro - Chapter 002 #52

53. Sales should work closely with production because

- A. today's successful sales organizations have a production-orientation.
- B.** sales forecasts guide materials requirements and production schedules.
- C. production develops the firm's overall mission.
- D. most salespeople are hired from production.
- E. no one knows the customer better than production.

Difficulty: Hard
Spiro - Chapter 002 #53

54. Which of the following is an accurate generalization regarding the concept of objectives in strategic sales force planning?

- A. Sales force objectives should guide strategic marketing planning.
- B.** The objectives should be specific, and be stated in written form.
- C. After sales-management strategies are determined, then the objectives for sales management will follow.
- D. Objectives are not necessary if you have good administrators.
- E. None of these are correct.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #54

55. Regarding the goals of an organization:

- A. Sales goals should not be stated in writing, because this limits a sales manager's flexibility.
- B. Management should avoid setting broad goals, because they usually are vague.
- C.** Policy decisions by sales executives should be compatible with sales department goals.
- D. Management by objectives is a useful concept, but it does not have much practical value in sales force management.
- E. None of these is correct.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #55

56. Which of the following objectives is least likely to be useful in guiding management?

- A.** Maximize profits next year.
- B. Generate a return on investment of 10 percent next year.
- C. Next year increase sales by 15 percent over this year's total.
- D. Hire 10 additional salespeople next year.
- E. Next year keep selling expenses at 12 percent of sales, as a maximum.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #56

57. Which of the following statements of objectives is really useful in guiding and evaluating management?

- A. Treat our customers fairly.
- B. Build goodwill among our dealers.
- C. Increase sales force morale.
- D. Provide good service for our customers.
- E.** None of these.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #57

58. According to the criteria stated in the text, which of the following goals is best stated?

- A. Maximize profits by expanding our product line.
- B. Increase our sales.
- C. In the future, our profitability should increase by 10 percent.
- D. Stimulate sales by motivating our sales force.
- E.** Increase our market share by 5 percent next year.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #58

59. A plan of action chosen to reach an objective is a:

- A.** Strategy.
- B. Policy.
- C. Tactic.
- D. Goal.
- E. Forecast.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #59

60. Which of the following is the best definition of a strategy?

- A.** Plan of action by which an organization intends to reach its goal.
- B. Course of action adopted to routinely guide future decision making.
- C. Operational means used to implement a plan.
- D. A study of the past to decide now what to do in the future.
- E. None of these are even close.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #60

61. Which of the following represents the correct order of hierarchy of the given concepts?

- A. Strategies – goals – tactics.
- B.** Objectives – strategies – tactics.
- C. Objectives – targets – goals.
- D. Management by objectives – staffing – planning.
- E. Goals – tactics – strategies.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #61

62. Which of the following statements is wrong?

- A. Objectives should be measurable.
- B. Objectives should be specific.
- C.** Objectives are the basis for tactical planning.
- D. Objectives should be in alignment with each other.
- E. None of these.

Difficulty: Hard
Spiro - Chapter 002 #62

63. Tactics, the activities which must be performed by people in order to achieve the objectives, will most likely succeed if:

- A.** They are consistent with the overall strategy of the firm.
- B. They have met with high success in the past.
- C. Old compensation plans are maintained during the period of change in selling responsibilities.
- D. If they conform to tactics devised by competitors.
- E. When they are mandated from the top.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #63

64. The detailed activities that implement a plan of action in a company are called:

- A. Strategies.
- B. Goals.
- C. Policies.
- D. Management by objectives.
- E.** Tactics.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #64

65. Which of the following statements about strategy is wrong?

- A. Usually strategies require some degree of persistence.
- B. Strategic planning is undertaken to achieve objectives.
- C. Strategies should evolve from the company's mission.
- D.** Some organizations do not need strategies.
- E. None of these.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #65

66. Which of the following statements is not true?

- A. There are no perfect tactics.
- B. Tactics should be consistent with the strategy.
- C.** Tactics should not enter into any discussion strategic alternatives.
- D. All strategies require some tactical implementation.
- E. None of these.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #66

67. Strategic planning usually starts with:

- A. A tactical evaluation of the situation.
- B. A budget.
- C. An evaluation of objectives.
- D.** A determination of the firm's mission.
- E. A market research study.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #67

68. As a general rule in a company, sales force management:

- A. Sets the guidelines for marketing management.
- B. Is the most important activity in marketing.
- C.** Should be done within the context of the strategic company planning and strategic marketing planning in the firm.
- D. Is unrelated to top-level company planning.
- E. None of these are correct.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #68

69. Normally the first step involved in strategic company planning is to:

- A.** Decide on the organization's broad fundamental mission.
- B. Be sure that the sales force tactics are consistent with the marketing strategies.
- C. Make certain that sales force strategies are consistent with overall company strategies.
- D. Prepare the annual overall marketing plan.
- E. Identify tactics that have worked well in the past.

Difficulty: Easy
Spiro - Chapter 002 #69

70. In strategic planning, which of the following is the proper sequence of events?

- A.** Company planning – marketing planning – sales force planning.
- B. Set your goals – plan your strategy – identify your markets.
- C. Marketing strategy – company strategy – company goal.
- D. Identify company's mission – set sales force goals – plan marketing strategy.
- E. Strategy – tactics – company mission – goals.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #70

71. Which of the following are true?

- A.** When a company changes its strategies, it must also change its tactics.
- B. When a company changes its strategies, it should not change tactics.
- C. When a company changes its strategies, it doesn't matter if it changes its tactics.
- D. The same tactics will always work.
- E. Both B and D are true.

Difficulty: Hard

Spiro - Chapter 002 #71

72. Regarding strategic planning in a company, it is correct to say that:

- A. Corporate strategies generally are not related to marketing goals.
- B. The strategic planning adopted for the marketing program generally is limited and guided by the company's strategic sales force planning.
- C. Once a company sets its goals, then management should determine the company's broad mission.
- D. The primary influence on a company's mission is its marketing strategy.
- E.** None of these is correct.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #72

73. An executive is instructed to decrease her selling expenses by 15 percent next year. This is an example of the company's:

- A. Objectives.
- B. Strategies.
- C. Tactics.
- D.** It could be any of the above depending upon what executive level in the company we are talking about.
- E. None of these is correct.

Difficulty: Hard

Spiro - Chapter 002 #73

74. Multiple sales channels are best defined as:

- A. Operating a direct sales force.
- B. Operating a direct sales force as well as a distribution network.
- C. Using a distribution network comprised of regional and national outlets.
- D.** Using different channels to reach different segments of buyers which includes direct sales force, distributors, direct mail, telemarketing and electronic mail.
- E. None of these.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #74

75. The purpose of team selling is:

- A. To boost morale of the sales force.
- B.** To match the expertise of the buyer team.
- C. To develop one leader with a large support group.
- D. To ensure that if one sales member forgets the "pitch," other members of the team can help out.
- E. Give practical experience to new members of the sales team.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #75

76. The Internet and related computer-technology

- A. will eventually replace most salespeople.
- B. have cut the number of salespeople in most firms by about 50%
- C.** are tools that help salespeople develop close relationships with their clients.
- D. have had no impact on sales organizations.
- E. both A and B are correct.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #76

77. Internet selling:

- A. is leading to a dramatic decline in the number of salespeople that firms hire.
- B. has resulted in a trend toward transactional selling in many organizations.
- C. has been so successful that firms are cutting back funding of face-to-face sales.
- D.** helps salespeople develop closer relationships with their clients.
- E. A-B-C are all correct.

Difficulty: Medium

Spiro - Chapter 002 #77

78. Consultative selling:

- A. should always be used (i.e., transaction selling should never be used).
- B. is inferior to – and thus should be emphasized much less than – transaction selling.
- C.** is on the opposite end of a continuum with transaction selling.
- D. is a specific type of transaction selling.
- E. Both A and C are correct.

Difficulty: Hard

Spiro - Chapter 002 #78

79. As we progress in the 21st century, marketing management is shifting its focus

- A. from toxic waste to pollution.
- B. from services to products.
- C.** from materialism to humanitarianism.
- D. from people to animals.
- E. None of these.

Difficulty: Easy

Spiro - Chapter 002 #79

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