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QUESTION 1

What is the term for the skills, technologies, applications and practices of continuous iterative exploration and investigation of past business performance used to gain insight and drive business planning?

- A. Business forecasting
- B. Business analytics
- C. Predictive modeling
- D. Statistical analysis

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Gross margin is which of the following, as percent of revenue?

- A. Revenue minus cost of goods sold
- B. Expenses plus taxes and depreciation
- C. Gross profit minus expenses
- D. Cost of goods sold

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

What is a "profit model?"

- A. The intention or purpose of the business
- B. A descriptor for how the company works
- C. The financial objectives of the organization
- D. The plan for how the organization generates revenue and makes money

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

Information on the annual report shows results for what time period?

- A. The calendar year from January 1 to December 31



- B. The fiscal year, which matches the calendar year from January 1 to December 31
- C. The fiscal year, which shows results from July 1 to June 30
- D. The fiscal year, which may match the calendar year or may be a different 12-month period, depending on the company

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

Regarding market position, a business with a high market share but low growth potential is typically referred to as what?

- A. A Star
- B. A Question Mark
- C. A Market Leader
- D. A Cash Cow

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 6

What best describes the most effective approach for facilitating fact-based decisions?

- A. Ensuring support from all internal and external stakeholders
- B. Estimating results based on historical data
- C. Using statistical methods to predict outcomes
- D. Determining, sourcing and collecting appropriate data

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 7

Who are you most likely to hear from if there are questions about an employee's compensation?

- A. The employee
- B. A concerned co-worker
- C. The employee's manager
- D. The employee's department head

Correct Answer: C



QUESTION 8

What best describes a benefit of business acumen with regard to career development?

- A. The ability to display confidence and decisiveness that will inspire others and make you a better leader
- B. A greater likelihood of promotion, especially when you are competing with individuals with more experience
- C. Increased marketability, which will lead to qualification for opportunities outside of human resources
- D. It is critical to your career development and a deficiency is very likely to hinder career advancement and success.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 9

When connecting with other business units, what best describes a reason why is it important to keep up to date on organizational challenges?

- A. Because you will be more informed when differences of opinion occur, lending more credibility to your position
- B. Because you can demonstrate your understanding of issues from multiple perspectives
- C. Because you will be able to explain the negative consequences of opposing your position
- D. Because stakeholders with diverse opinions tend to compromise when they are aware that others know their weaknesses

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 10

Regarding fixed and variable costs, what tends to happen as revenue increases?

- A. Variable costs decrease
- B. Fixed costs decrease
- C. Variable costs increase and consume a higher percent of revenue
- D. Fixed costs remain the same and consume a lower percent of revenue

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 11

What best describes a use of strategic analysis?

- A. Pricing your products appropriately



- B. Understanding your business and its competitive strengths and weaknesses
- C. Forecasting profit, growth and investment performance to develop realistic budgets
- D. Evaluating prior year performance for the narrative portion of annual financial reports

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 12

Using efficient and cost-effective approaches to integrate technology into the workplace is most likely to do what?

- A. Reduce compensation expense
- B. Improve program efficacy
- C. Select the best vendors
- D. Compensate employees competitively

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 13

Regarding compensation communications with executives, where do they tend to need the greatest level of understanding?

- A. In the methods and processes used to make pay decisions
- B. In the details of their individual compensation packages
- C. In the overall program objectives
- D. In the differences in pay levels for the different levels of the organization

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 14

Using efficient and cost-effective approaches to integrate technology into the workplace is an example of what key competency for compensation professionals?

- A. Financial Management
- B. HR Management
- C. Resource Management
- D. Policy Management

Correct Answer: C



QUESTION 15

Understanding basic organization design principles is an example of what key competency for compensation professionals?

- A. Financial Management
- B. HR Management
- C. Resource Management
- D. Policy Management

Correct Answer: B

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