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- Answer all the questions in section A on the mark-reading sheet. Use a pencil. Hand in the mark-reading sheet with your examination paper.
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SECTION A - MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

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1	The following are all decisions based on evaluative performance objectives, except for
	 1 employee bonuses 2 merit increase 3 on-the-job training 4 lay-offs
2	Which of the following refers to the performance appraisal process?
	a relies on comparing set standards with actual performance b managers and employees work together to set expectations c concerns only line managers of the organisation d is concerned with individual performance e provides a basis for performance-related pay decisions
	Choose the correct option
	1 a, b e 2 b, c, e 3 a, c, d 4 a, d, e
3	CFA Bank is considering promoting two bank tellers to the position of branch managers. Which of the following persons should do the rating of the two bank tellers as part of the multiple-rater performance appraisal process?
	1 Supervisors 2 Customers 3 Team portfolio 4 Peers
4	Mr Lotto is a new line manager supervising eight electricians. Following the appraisal interview, the electricians feel demotivated, totally lost and wonder if what they do will make any difference. Mr Lotto may have omitted to
	prepare for the interview discussion determine performance requirements provide and discuss performance feedback discuss rating used for appraisal
5	Rudi is the HR officer at Leadwood retailers and she is busy with yearly performance appraisals. She is not objective, because she lets factors that are not related to employees' job performance, like age race, membership and gender, influence her ratings. For example, she rated the one male teller ver low, because he is a member of the JF political party. Which rater error is Rudi guilty of?
	1 rater bias 2 halo effect 3 central tendency 4 leniency

Whether employees conduct career planning through a course or seminar or through formal career

counselling, the first step is the assessment of _____

future opportunities in the organisation

personal skills and abilities

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- 3 current opportunities in the organisation
- 4 needs and goals of the organisation
- 7 Employees generally progress through four career stages. Each stage is characterised by its own set of opportunities, problems and circumstances the needs of employees change as they pass from one stage to the next. Which of the following is the correct order of the four career stages?
 - a establishment
 - b advancement
 - c withdrawal
 - d maintenance

Choose the correct option

- 1 a, b, c, d
- 2 a, c, b, d
- 3 a, c, d, b
- 4 a, b, d, c
- Joseph has been promoted to managing director and has to move to the Cape Town head office. This has resulted in a crisis over whether to accept the promotion as his wife is not willing to leave her established medical private practice. This conflicting situation is as a result of ______
 - 1 a dual-career plateau
 - 2 a family career crisis
 - 3 dual-career couples
 - 4 a family-partnership crisis
- The development of the production division of B&T motor manufacturers necessitated the opening of a new warehouse. The compliance of the safety measures within this new warehouse is of utmost importance. Therefore, the 40 health and safety representatives have to go for a training course that will suit B&T's manufacturing environment. Which of the following modes of training delivery will suit B&T's manufacturing environment?
 - 1 e-learning
 - 2 away-from-the-job training
 - 3 job rotation
 - 4 on-the-job training
- You are the training and development officer of a provincial branch of a pharmaceutical company Select the correct order in which you will apply the phases of the systems approach to T&D (training and development)
 - a needs assessment
 - b training delivery
 - c training design
 - d evaluation

Choose the correct option

- 1 a, b, c, d
- 2 a, b, d, c
- 3 a, c, d, b
- 4 a, c, b, d
- Which of the following are general purposes of Training and Development (T&D) programmes for managerial and front-line employees?
 - Advance personal relationships
 - b Improve performance

- Solve organisational problems
- d Resolve conflict among employees
- Update employees' skills

- 1 a, b, c
- 2 b, c, e
- 3 a, d, e
- 4 a, b, e
- In order to rectify the imbalances of the past and the resulting shortages of skilled manpower, the South African government embarked on a number of initiatives. Which Act does not relate to overcoming the serious skills shortages in companies?
 - 1 National Qualifications Framework Act
 - 2 Skills Development Act
 - 3 Employment Equity Act
 - 4 Skills Development Levies Act
- With regard to compensation systems, this type of stock ownership plan allows employees to borrow against corporate assets to buy stock. Employees often accept wage concessions in return for stock. Which type of organisational incentive does this refer to?
 - 1 distribution plan
 - 2 employee stock ownership plan
 - 3 deferred plan
 - 4 combination plan
- 14 You are the Director HR and Compensation of a large telecommunication company. You have decided that employees will only receive a pay increase after a performance appraisal of their work has found that their work performance is on the required standard. Which type of pay increase system is applied in this situation?
 - 1 across-the-board increase
 - 2 performance appraisal increase
 - 3 merit increase
 - 4 skills based increase
- 15 In South Africa, organisations are legally required to provide ______ employee benefits in a nondiscriminatory manner
 - 1 compensation for occupational injuries
 - 2 medical aid
 - 3 compassionate leave
 - 4 employment insurance
- The _____method is the simplest and least precise method of job evaluation. The job with the most "worth" in the organisation is identified first, then the next job with the most worth, until all the jobs are placed in a hierarchical order.
 - 1 factor comparison
 - 2 job ranking
 - 3 classification
 - 4 point

Questions 17 and 18 are based on the following scenario

Linda is the HR manager at one of the biggest government hospitals. She started to realise that employees are experiencing very high levels of job stress due to the nature of their jobs. A high number of injuries has also been reported. Linda wants to implement a programme that can assist employees to overcome personal crises like job stress, burnout, family problems and even alcoholism.

- 17 Which one of the following programmes would be most appropriate to overcome the mentioned problems?
 - 1 employer help programmes
 - 2 employee psycho/social programmes
 - 3 wellness programmes
 - 4 employee assistance programmes
- Linda and the health and safety representatives held an urgent meeting. As one of the objectives of this meeting was to remind representatives of their duties, which one of the following options is **NOT** a duty of a health and safety representative?
 - 1 Identify potential hazards at the workplace
 - 2 Review the effectiveness of health and safety measures
 - 3 Provide information, instructions and training required to ensure the necessary safety
 - 4 Consult with inspectors at the workplace and accompany them on inspections
- Henry is a newly appointed manager in the marketing division in his organisation. Ever since his promotion, he barely has time to have lunch, let alone casually chat to his staff. He also looks fatigued, depressed, and expresses signs of irritability. Henry's symptoms could be related to
 - 1 distress
 - 2 burnout
 - 3 frustration
 - 4 eustress
- Which one of the following is not an essential component of a successful employee assistance programme (EAP)?
 - 1 job security
 - 2 management support
 - 3 voluntary participation
 - 4 medical aid cover

Questions 21 and 22 are based on the following scenario

Diverse University now employs more women and most of them are young mothers who are finding it difficult to balance their work and family life. During the management meeting, Jeff, a line manager in one of the departments, complains that he is getting too many requests from young mothers to leave work early to collect their children from day care. He then adds, "If they want to have babies why not stay at home, after all, women with babies belong at home, not in the workplace." The room goes quiet and three women walk out of the meeting

- 21 Jeff's statement about young mothers is an example of _____
 - stereotyping and stems from the primary dimensions of diversity
 - 2 assimilation and stems from the primary dimensions of diversity
 - 3 stereotyping and stems from the secondary dimensions of diversity
 - 4 assimilation and stems from the secondary dimensions of diversity
- Based on Jeff's statement, which of the following diversity training exercises can be used to enhance diversity management at Diverse University?

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23 The Code of Good Practice on the handling of sexual harassment provides a definition is Which of the following are examples of sexual harassment?					
	а	Sexually offensive comments			
	b	Staring or grinning			
	c	Sex-oriented jokes			
	d	Touching during a conversation			
	e	Attempted rape			
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	1	Labour Relations Act			
	2	Constitution of the Republic of South Africa			
	3	Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration			
	4	Basic Conditions of Employment Act			
25		ompetency-based HR transformation involves three major phases. Which one of the following is a step in the implementation phase?			
	1	prioritising competencies			
	2	gaining leadership approval			
	3	developing a communication plan			
	4	setting up a team to oversee relevant changes			
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	1	motivate people, increase workforce flexibility, change employee behaviour and decrease workforce flexibility			
	2	motivate people, increase workforce flexibility, increase competition and access job progression			
	3	motivate people, increase competition, change people behaviour and decrease workforce flexibility			
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	2	telecommuting			
	3	cyberlink			
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28		management of TC Technologies is concerned about the wasted commuting time and office e for its employees. They decide to implement virtual work arrangements with a group of			

employees having specialised skills for a specific purpose with measurable outputs. Which of the following skills will the HR manager include in a profile of a successful telecommuting worker?

- 1 organisational, motivational, communication and delegation skills
- 2 organisational, motivational, controlling and delegation skills
- 3 organisational, motivational, communication and decision-making skills
- 4 organisational, motivational, communication and planning skills
- Jeff has been promoted from regional manager to the CEO of a South African car manufacturing company. The company has a workforce of 600 employees. Which of the following will be the focus of his leadership as the new CEO?
 - a Directing and controlling
 - b Connecting emotionally
 - c Inspiring and motivating people
 - d Creating vision and strategy
 - e Maintaining stability

Choose the correct option

- 1 a, b, e
- 2 b, c, d
- 3 a, d, e
- 4 b, c, e
- To maximise impact in operations that add value to organisations, which one of the following actions does **NOT** need to be performed by HR leadership?
 - 1 maintain stability
 - 2 anticipate change
 - 3 liberate thinking
 - 4 initiate action

[TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS]

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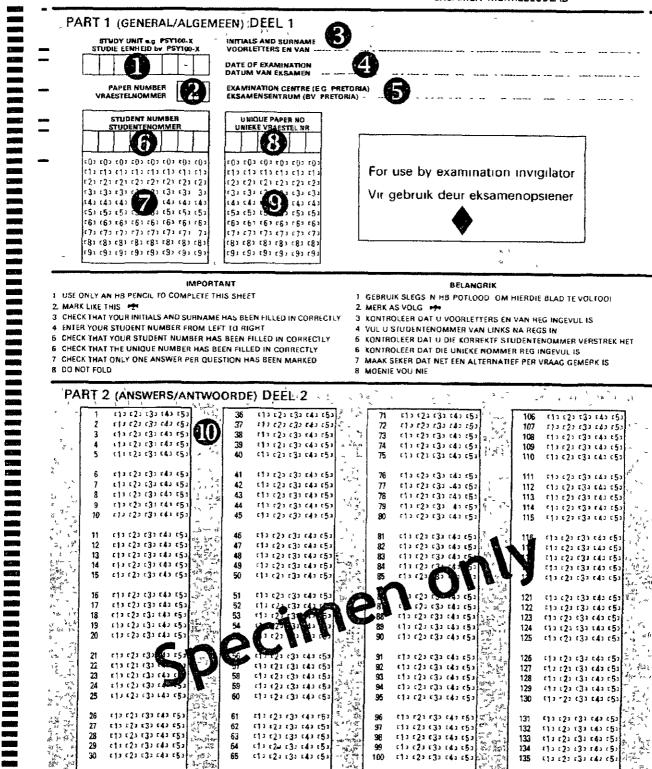
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