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- 2 **Section A** must be completed in pencil on the mark reading sheet. The mark reading sheet must be handed in together with your examination paper
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- 4 Encircle the number of each question you complete in Section B on the cover of the examination paper in the column ("Question No") dedicated for this purpose. See example below

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<b>SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS</b>
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<b>This section must be completed on the mark-reading sheet. Use a PENCIL when completing the mark-reading sheet.</b>
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- 1 Janine is the human resource (HR) director of a large auditing firm. She has called a meeting with all the line managers and the entire HR section of the firm to discuss the division of responsibilities of the strategic human resource planning (SHRP) process that she plans to implement within the next month. Which of the following are the responsibilities of the HR department?
- a identifying the HR strategies
  - b designing the HR planning data systems
  - c participating in the strategic planning process of the entire organisation
  - d monitoring the HR plan to identify changes needed
  - e integrating the HR plan with departmental plans
- 1 a, b and d
  - 2 a, b and c
  - 3 b, c and e
  - 4 c, d and e
- 2 Thabo has been a forklift operator at a large storage warehouse for the past five years. When the inventory controller resigned, Thabo applied for the position and he was appointed as the new inventory controller. Does Thabo need orientation in his new position? Give a reason for your answer.
- 1 Yes. When an employee has been promoted or transferred in an organisation, they should receive orientation because the new position typically involves a change in environment and duties.
  - 2 No. Thabo has been working for the organisation for five years and knows how the organisation works.
  - 3 Yes. Thabo needs training for the new position.
  - 4 No. He is not a new employee. Only new employees receive orientation.
- 3 Carla, a clerk at a medium-sized law firm in Johannesburg, specialises in conveyance cases. Her colleague, Daniel, who started his clerkship on the same day as Carla and who specialises in divorce cases, has resigned because he wants to pursue a career in acting. The partners in the firm have decided that they cannot afford another clerk to do Daniel's work and that Carla should do both her own and Daniel's work. Of which motivation intensive technique of job design is this scenario an example of?
- 1 job enlargement
  - 2 job rotation
  - 3 job enrichment
  - 4 job improvement
- 4 Michael was appointed as a chef in a large restaurant. He has been performing below standard, messing up orders, burning food and taking too long with the preparation of the food. You are the owner of the restaurant and you want to determine what the reason for Michael's poor performance is. The first step in this process of performance analysis would be to define employee expectations. What would the second step be?
- 1 identifying personal circumstances
  - 2 identifying performance barriers
  - 3 identifying causes of the poor performance

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- 4 identifying working relations
- 5 Which option below is **not** a non-traditional recruitment strategy used by employers to address the labour shortage in South Africa?
- 1 disadvantaged training programmes
  - 2 internships and mentoring programmes
  - 3 telerecruiting
  - 4 job posting
- 6 Mr Mahlangu is the marketing director of a large organisation and is also on the organisation's senior board of directors. In Mr Mahlangu's employment contract, it is stipulated that should the organisation be acquired by another organisation through a merger or acquisition, he shall still receive his salary each month for the next five years. What is this type of executive compensation called?
- 1 golden parachute
  - 2 bold incentive
  - 3 stock ownership plan
  - 4 stock option plan
- 7 "The process through which the goals a company sets itself, as put forth in its mission statement and company plan, are translated into HR objectives to ensure that the company is neither overstaffed nor understaffed, and that employees with the appropriate talents, skills and desire are available to carry out their tasks in the right jobs at the right times"
- Which HR concept is defined in the citation above?
- 1 strategic human resource planning
  - 2 human resource planning
  - 3 human resource management
  - 4 succession planning
- 8 Jill is the HR manager at Venter, Simelani and Partners and she is busy with the firm's yearly performance appraisals. She is an experienced and objective rater, but in one case she has given her colleague Mark a high rating because he won a very important case for the firm. However, she neglected to take into account that Mark's administration is a disaster and that he is always late for work. Of which rater error is Jill guilty of?
- 1 rater bias
  - 2 halo effect
  - 3 leniency
  - 4 central tendency
- 9 The use of external recruitment has numerous advantages. Which of the following is **not** one of them?
- 1 It is a cheaper process
  - 2 New ideas and perspectives can be brought into the organisation
  - 3 Infighting is reduced
  - 4 The applicant pool is greater
- 10 Nthabiseng recently complained to her supervisor that she is not being paid as well as her co-workers and that the conditions under which she has to work are horrible. Which factor of Herzberg's two-factor theory of motivation is applicable here?

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- 1 hygiene
  - 2 motivator
  - 3 affiliation
  - 4 power
- 11 The policy of awarding employees benefits in addition to compensation has increased dramatically in South African organisations. There are various types of benefits that employers can offer their employees, including paid time off. Which of the following is **not** an example of paid time off?
- 1 sick leave
  - 2 leave to participate in a protected strike
  - 3 compassionate leave
  - 4 witness in court
- 12 What is the most important purpose of the performance appraisal interview?
- 1 to discuss future training and development needs
  - 2 to provide vocational guidance
  - 3 to discuss employee concerns
  - 4 to provide performance-related feedback
- 13 Which of the following is **not** a common pitfall in the SHRP process?
- 1 identity crises
  - 2 top management support
  - 3 coordination with other functions
  - 4 personal problems and conflict
- 14 Jacob and Fatima can follow various approaches towards internal staffing. One of these approaches is promotion, which not only entails the upward internal movement of an employee, but usually also involves greater responsibility and autonomy, and an increased salary and benefits. Which one of the following is **not** a valid criterion that can be used when deciding which candidates to promote?
- 1 seniority
  - 2 performance
  - 3 assessment centre
  - 4 leadership
- 15 Sarah is the HR manager of a popular clothing manufacturing company. She and her team of HR officers are systematically investigating the tasks, duties and responsibilities associated with all the jobs in the company. Which process is Sarah and her team involved in?
- 1 job analysis
  - 2 job design
  - 3 job enrichment
  - 4 task analysis
- 16 There are various important principles of learning to consider when designing an effective training and development programme. Which one of the following is **not** a principle of learning?
- 1 motivation
  - 2 participation
  - 3 feedback
  - 4 learning

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- 17 Jackson, the recruitment consultant of ABC Bank, has to contact Maria's previous employer to obtain information about her performance, ability to meet deadlines and trustworthiness. As ABC Bank wants to appoint Maria as a bank clerk, it must first obtain this information before making a final decision. Where in the selection process is ABC Bank?
- 1 interviews
  - 2 reference checks
  - 3 completing the application
  - 4 medical testing
- 18 Job stress is often caused by factors in the workplace. Organisations can implement policies and strategies to combat job stress. Which of the following is **not** such an organisational policy or strategy?
- a preventative management
  - b management by objectives
  - c removing the cause of stress
  - d extended leave of employees
  - e maintaining a productive culture
- 1 a, b and d
  - 2 c, d and e
  - 3 a, b and e
  - 4 b, c and d
- 19 Daniel is the HR director at a large mining company. He wants to implement an internal staffing strategy in the organisation. Which of the following are important reasons why Daniel needs to design a proper internal staffing programme?
- a employee dissatisfaction
  - b employee morale
  - c increasing concerns with job security
  - d employment equity issues
  - e financial considerations
- 1 a, b and e
  - 2 b, c and d
  - 3 a, c and d
  - 4 c, d and e
- 20 Dalinda has been appointed as the departmental manager of the distribution department in a large warehouse. The general manager has informed her that she needs to report the training and development needs in her department. What are some of her other responsibilities as a manager with regard to training and development?
- a providing technical information
  - b co-ordinating training and development efforts
  - c monitoring training and development needs
  - d conducting and monitoring continuous on-the-job training and development
  - e preparing training and development material
- 1 a, c and e
  - 2 a, c and d
  - 3 c, d and e
  - 4 b, c and d

- 21 Ronny has been tasked to look at the newly appointed typist's work station. His supervisor indicated that the following should be taken into consideration: the employee's posture (back and hands) and the environment. What process is Ronny being tasked to investigate?
- 1 robotics
  - 2 total quality management (TQM)
  - 3 ergonomics
  - 4 the work environment
- 22 Which of the following are important signs that a person may be on their way to burnout?
- a They are exhausted once every week
  - b They experience every second day as a bad day
  - c Caring about their work or life at home feels like a waste of energy or too much for them
  - d They spend large parts of their day doing tasks that they experience as boring or overwhelming
  - e They feel like nothing they do really makes a difference
- 1 a, b and c
  - 2 a, c and e
  - 3 b, c and d
  - 4 c, d and e
- 23 Which of the following represent the only three grounds on which an employee can be fairly dismissed?
- 1 misconduct, illness, poor work performance
  - 2 operational requirements, incapacity, theft
  - 3 misconduct, incapacity, operational requirements
  - 4 poor work performance, dishonesty, retrenchment
- 24 What is the process called of designing and implementing goals, plans and strategies that enable HR professionals and managers to satisfy workforce needs and allow individuals to achieve their career objectives?
- 1 selection criteria
  - 2 employability
  - 3 career management
  - 4 career attributes
- 25 Which of the following are important purposes of onboarding and orientation?
- a The basic responsibilities of the job must be identified
  - b The employee needs to know how they fit into the organisation
  - c Employees must understand the goals, policies and procedures of the organisation
  - d Employees must understand how the internal culture operates in groups and teams
  - e The importance of becoming socially involved in the organisation must be emphasised
- 1 a, b and d
  - 2 c, d and e
  - 3 a, b and c
  - 4 b, c and e

- 26 A registered trade union has certain organisational rights which the trade union may apply in the workplace Which one is **not** such an organisational right?
- 1 joint decision-making rights to protect the employees
  - 2 access to the workplace by office-bearers and officials of the union
  - 3 union meetings at the workplace and balloting of union members
  - 4 stop-order facilities and leave for trade union activities
- 27 Abigail has been appointed as the HR manager of a manufacturing company Her first task is to develop a proper training and development system in the organisation The previous HR manager did not keep any records, and training and development were not administered or controlled in an appropriate or cost-effective manner What is the first thing that Abigail needs to do when developing a training and development system?
- 1 planning
  - 2 determining the budget
  - 3 strategic alignment
  - 4 needs assessment
- 28 The members and shop stewards of the representative trade union at a car manufacturing plant are going on strike because they feel that the management of the plant disciplined one of their members too harshly by suspending him without pay because he arrived late for work What type of strike is this?
- 1 economic strike
  - 2 secondary strike
  - 3 grievance strike
  - 4 wildcat strike
- 29 Which of the following is **not** an effect of HIV/AIDS in the workplace?
- 1 Absence from work and worker attrition is likely to increase as people fall ill and take sick leave
  - 2 Employees would require time off to care for sick family members
  - 3 Many employees would want to take compassionate leave
  - 4 People would want time off for medical testing
- 30 Sally has been working for a stationery company for the past five years She does not feel like staying in her current job, because she does not receive recognition for the work she does She is faced with unrealistic expectations and she feels whatever she does, she will not succeed She feels irritable, sick, frustrated and has a desire to quit her job without fear of the consequences of such a decision Her current situation is having a negative impact on the company and on her performance What is most probably the root cause of the symptoms that she is experiencing?
- 1 burnout
  - 2 job stress
  - 3 high blood pressure
  - 4 anxiety

**[TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS]**

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**[TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS]**

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