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COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Instructions:

- يغلق الواجب يوم الإثنين ١ مارس في تمام الساعة ٩ مساءً.
- الواجب سؤال واحد مقالي من ٤ درجات.
- لا تقل عدد الكلمات عن 400 كلمة ولا تزيد عن ٦٠٠ كلمة.
- الإجابة متاحة باللغة الإنجليزية أو اللغة العربية مع مراعاة أن تكون المصطلحات العلمية باللغة الإنجليزية.
- يُمنع منعاً باتاً نسخ الإجابة من أي مصدر آخر. عكس ذلك، سيتم إلغاء درجة الواجب تماماً.
- يرجى ضرورة تحويل هذا الملف بعد الإجابة إلى صيغة pdf بعد الانتهاء من الواجب ورفعته على المودل.

Instructor's Name: Dr. Merna Emad

Read the story below and, as you evaluate the passage below, consider whether this behavior is appropriate for this professional context.

Mark is a top-performing salesperson at a pharmaceutical supply company. As a reward for his performance, he is treated to a trip to the corporate office in California to meet the chief executive officer, Ms. Mills. Ms.

Mills is known around the office as the “Wicked Witch of the West” because of her short and sometimes abrasive demeanor. Mark’s coworkers share “horror stories” of their encounters with her, stating that she rarely makes eye contact, never smiles, and dislikes being approached unless she initiates the conversation.

Although he is excited to travel, he is also nervous about what he and Ms. Mills might talk about. He prepares by thinking about how he can share his sales strategies and techniques. On the day of the meeting, he waits patiently for Ms. Mills’s assistant to call him into her office. When he is escorted in to meet her, he is shocked to see a petite woman behind the large desk smiling back at him with kind eyes. He approaches, shakes her hand, and waits for her permission to sit. Ms. Mills is nothing like the horrible person they made her out to be. Ms. Mills asks Mark several thoughtful questions about why he is successful, ways the staff can be supported, and how the company fits in with his professional goals. Mark feels more and more comfortable as she leans forward to listen intently to what he is saying. Mark loosens his tie, crosses his legs, and begins sharing stories of how he feels his immediate supervisor has dropped the ball on more than one occasion and that the team would be better if more money were allocated to incentives and bonuses. Mark immediately sees Ms. Mills’s eyes begin to squint and her brow furrow.

She stands up abruptly and says in a gruff voice that their time is up and that her assistant will show him out.

Answer the following question accordingly:

1. Given the professional context, what would you have done the same and/or differently if you were in Mark's position?

I would not do like Mark, I would have maintained my professionalism, maintain my elegance in my formal clothes, sit respectfully and not talk about the mistakes of my boss, but I would present my proposals to them in an orderly manner without mentioning the names of others as long as her have the power to make decisions.

2. Do you think Mark accurately evaluated the context? Why or why not?

No, he made a mistakes. If we look to the back, he went to the meeting with many wrong information about the Ms. Mills [Loss by Transmission], which made him rush to judge her [Premature Evaluation], then he continued his behavior and left the professional context because he forgotten her position [Status and power consciousness], and then her felt disrespectful.

3. What communication factors led to the change in the chief executive officer's disposition?

Due to psychological and organizational barriers, and especially speed of judgment, Mark had no awareness of power in the position, which made Mark err and then the CEO felt a lack of respect and lack of professionalism.

4. How could the KEYS process help Mark improve his communication skills?

Mark had to evaluate himself as communicator to be able to define his strategy in dealing with the CEO, understand the limitations of communication between him and her, and then monitor the actions and verbal and non-verbal signals of him and her. After evaluating all these behaviors and signals, he must take a step back and reformulate his behavior, which he transmits to the CEO.