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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 600 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.

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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 really first go and take a good look on anything related to my CEO. Any news, conference he attended in the past or even podcast that he shared stories of his success which can give me huge amount of information on how to deal, talk or even make him/her laugh. Beside the great joy I would be feeling that time of meeting the top position guy in the company who can literally make any decision and use that tremendous opportunity to show my potential and deliver my ideas. For sure I will ignore all the random rumours that could affect his/her image in my head or judgment while I am listening.

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

- Absolutely he does not, because when Ms. Mills leaned to him, she was just showing how much interested she is to listen to his ideas and to now the real story of his success. However, unfortunately he felt really comfortable that he forgot he is sitting with the CEO not with his colleague in the next office that he meets every day!
- I can say why, because we have to know very well that, it does not matter how I judge or feel when I meet new person based on his look, I really need to know who is he (in the

professional live, like position), to carefully pick my words and focus on my behavior.

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

- Unfortunately, Mark got very excited talking directly that he wants this and that. For sure Mark has an excellent strategy making in Sales but not in dealing with top management. I can say what makes Ms. Mills upset that Mark's attitude of getting quick carried away give her a sign that if she did not interrupt him now he would go far away and say something that would waste her time and make him think that she is my friend and I can freely talk in whatever I want.

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

- (K) Mark should have prepared better for such an opportunity and know himself and Ms. Mills, understand what he really wants from the meeting and what he could get if everything went nice and smooth
- (E) Mark could contact Ms. Mills' secretary and collect some general information about her in meeting with people. So, he could plan his ideas according to time, location or her mood.
- (Y) Mark had to deal seriously about all the information he collected or resources he uses to know Ms. Mills (if he done this) to have very effective meeting outcomes.

- (S) Mark has to think again about all the scenario from the beginning, since he received the trip invitation until he left the meeting with Ms. Mills. He needs to rethink about believing blindly all what he heard about anybody, judging somebody by the look or be very comfortable talking to anybody who just smile and give eye contact.

ترجمة السؤال السابق

اقرأ القصة أدناه، وأثناء قيامك بتقييم القصة أدناه، فكر فيما إذا كان السلوك المُتبع أدناه مناسباً للسياق المهني.

يعمل مارك كمندوب مبيعات ناجح في شركة توريد الأدوية. كمكافأة على أدائه، تم إرساله في بعثة عمل إلى مكتب الشركة في كاليفورنيا للقاء الرئيس التنفيذي، السيدة ميلز.

تُعرف ميلز في المكتب باسم "ساحرة الغرب الشريرة" بسبب سلوكها القاسي في بعض الأحيان. يشارك زملاء مارك في العمل "قصص الرعب" عن لقاءاتهم معها، قائلين إنها نادرًا ما تتواصل بالعين، ولا تبتسم أبدًا، ولا تحب الاقتراب منها ما لم تبدأ المحادثة.

على الرغم من أن مارك كان يشعر بالحماس للسفر، إلا أنه كان قلق أيضًا بشأن ما قد يحدث بينه وبين السيدة ميلز. ولكنه، ركز أن يستعد لعرض استراتيجيات وتقنيات البيع المختلفة في اجتماعه مع ميلز.

في يوم الاجتماع، انتظر بصبر مساعد السيدة ميلز للاتصال به في مكتبها. عندما دخل المكتب للقائها، صُدم لرؤية امرأة صغيرة الحجم خلف المكتب الكبير تبتسم له بعيون لطيفة. يقترب ويصافحها وينتظر إذنها بالجلوس. السيدة ميلز لا تبدو هذا الشخص المرعب الذي كان يسمع

عنه. تسأل السيدة ميلز مارك عدة أسئلة مدروسة حول سبب نجاحه، والطرق التي يمكن بها دعم الموظفين، وكيف تتناسب الشركة مع أهدافه المهنية.

تشعر مارك براحة أكبر لأنها تميل إلى الأمام لتستمع باهتمام لما يقوله. قام مارك بفك ربطة عنقه، ووضع ساق على ساق أثناء المحادثة، وبدأ في مشاركة قصص عن شعوره بأن مديره المباشر قد أسقط الكرة في أكثر من مناسبة وأن الفريق سيكون أفضل إذا تم تخصيص المزيد من الأموال للحوافز والمكافآت. يرى مارك على الفور أن عيون السيدة ميلز تبدأ في التحول. ووقفت فجأة وقالت بصوت خشن أن وقتهم قد انتهى الآن.

أجب عن الأسئلة التالية وفقاً لذلك:

1. بالنظر إلى السياق المهني، ماذا كنت ستفعل الشيء نفسه و / أو بشكل مختلف إذا كنت مكان مارك؟

2. هل تعتقد أن مارك تصرف على نحو دقيق وقيم الموقف بدقة؟ لما ولما لا؟

3. ما هي عوامل الاتصال التي أدت إلى التغيير في تصرف الرئيس التنفيذي؟

4. كيف يمكن لعملية **KEYS** أن تساعد مارك في تحسين مهارات الاتصال لديه؟