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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.

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 rely on my experience to form an idea about Ms. Mills. This would help me communicate without having a physiological barrier which may leads to ineffective communication. Also, when Ms. Mills was trying to make me feel comfortable I wouldn't misunderstands it as she was trying to become my friend but as a way to have the barriers of position between me and her removed so the communication is more effective.

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

Mark has evaluated Ms. Mills wrongfully as he became too comfortable with her. The reason of that because he was prepared for a different context where Ms. Mills is aggressive. When Ms. Mills was different than he thought he didn't react very well. Maybe if Ms. Mills was as aggressive as he thought he would have a better meeting.

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

Mark has made many mistakes, one is that he sat comfortably leading Ms. Mills to become uncomfortable. Also, He shared stories and made Ms. Mills as his friend neglecting the fact that she is his boss which led her to create a barrier to restore the boss/worker relationship.

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

Keys will help Mark to evaluate Ms. Mills better and help him prepare for a meeting with boss/worker relationship better regardless of Ms. Mills behavior.