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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 have done as Mark did, entering to see Ms. Mills with a prejudgment attitude that she is evil. Once it was clear who she is, I would have not relaxed as my nonverbal communication, my posture, losing my tie have certainly gave her an inappropriate impression.

I will definitely not talk less about my team at the local office and specially my boss, he misunderstood her questions, wrong decoding from his side as the receiver was committed, and disregarded an important key of excellence in communication which is know yourself.

He talked about matters of financial nature that was definitely a wrong decoding from her questions of would the works need at the work pace, she definitely meant, like what kind of workplace facilities could help more the team to feel better comforts at the work-place that will definitely lead to more sales, but again bad interpretation.

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

He definitely did not,

Ms. Mills questions were decoded wrong by Mark, he did not understand nor comprehended the reason why he was selected for this meeting.

As he will be meeting a high-ranking manager, he would have evaluated and understood that his treat from the company was to apprise him and

not to hear his complain, Mr. Mills wanted to know why he is excellent at his work, maybe to set an example of his good work habits among others, she may have wanted to evaluate his insights and future plans on how to improve sales in his department, but when he was asked to share what could benefit his coworkers his answer was also not fit, talking how he would have done better than his boss in an indirect matter.

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

- Understanding the context of the meeting.
- He entered with premature first impression.
- Poor preparation from his side.
- His vocal expressions were inappropriate
- Non vocal communication was definitely inappropriate when he loosen his tie and crossed his legs.
- He may have also invaded the personal space of the Ms. Mills when he leaned forward.

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

- K- prepare yourself, know where your strength is and how to strengthen your weaknesses in communication skills, both verbal & Non
- E- Learn how you will speak to, what is the meeting about, or is it an interview, what type? what is the context, in his case he decoded the whole message wrong
- Y- Better efforts he shall take to understand his communication interactions, verbal & nonverbal. Take more courses on line.

-S- Reflect in all what happened, write down where it turned all south, and prepare a written plan on how to mitigate what you caused and how to improve, seek feedback whenever possible.

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 وفقًا 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؟