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Chapter one 1

Introduction 1.2

Organizational performance is a multifaceted concept, encapsulating a company's ability to achieve its goals and objectives by utilizing its resources in an efficient and effective manner (Richard et al., 2009). It is typically evaluated through three primary dimensions: financial performance (profits, return on assets, return on investment, etc.), product market performance (sales, market share, etc.), and shareholder return (total shareholder return, economic value added, etc.) (Combs et al., 2005).

According to the resource-based view of the firm, the effectiveness of organizational performance is fundamentally tied to the strategic deployment of resources (Barney, 1991). Here, resources refer not only to tangible assets but also intangible ones such as human capital, organizational culture, and knowledge management (Grant, 1991).

Furthermore, the dynamic capabilities perspective suggests that the organization's ability to adapt, integrate, and reconfigure internal and external competences can significantly impact its performance (Teece et al., 1997).

In recent years, the role of innovation in enhancing organizational performance has gained considerable attention (Subramanian & Nilakanta, 1996). Innovation, in terms of new products, processes, and ideas, can provide a competitive edge, thereby improving market performance (Drucker, 1985).

Training and development have been recognized as critical elements contributing to organizational performance. A study conducted by Alshuwairakh (2018) focused on the impact of training and development on organizational performance within the context of Saudi Arabia's private sector. The study found a significant positive relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

A seminal study by Bartel (1994) found that companies investing more in training had

higher productivity and profitability. She also reported that a 10% increase in workforce education led to an 8.6% gain in total productivity.

A study by Thang and Buyens (2008) in Vietnam also supports the contention that training and development have a positive impact on organizational performance. They found that training positively affected both financial and non-financial measures of performance.

In a recent study, Waheed et al. (2020) found that training and development positively influence organizational performance in the Pakistani banking sector. They also found

that this relationship was strengthened by the presence of a supportive corporate culture.

The inconsistent findings in the literature highlight a research gap and underscore the need for further investigation. The problem this research aims to address is twofold.

First, it seeks to reconcile the disparate findings in the literature by conducting a comprehensive and systematic review of the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. Second, it endeavors to explore potential moderating factors that may influence this relationship.

This study is crucial because it will provide deeper insights into the complex relationship between training and development and organizational performance. By exploring potential moderating factors, this research will shed light on the conditions under which training and development may enhance organizational performance. This information will be valuable for business leaders and human resource professionals seeking to optimize their training and development initiatives to improve organizational performance.

Research 1.3
Problem:

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Theoretical Gaps:1.3.1

A key theoretical gap in the current body of research on training and development and organizational performance lies in the lack of a comprehensive, universally accepted framework that encapsulates the multifaceted nature of this relationship. While several theories have been used to explore this relationship, including human capital theory (Becker, 1964) and the resource-based view of the firm (Barney, 1991), these theories often only capture part of the complex dynamics involved. For instance, while human capital theory emphasizes the role of individual skills and knowledge, it largely overlooks the organizational and environmental factors that may influence the effectiveness of training programs. Similarly, the resource-based view highlights the importance of organizational resources but may overlook the role of individual motivation and engagement.

Empirical Gaps:1.3.2

Empirically, one notable gap is the lack of studies that systematically examine the potential moderating factors in the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. While some studies have identified potential moderators such as corporate culture (Waheed et al., 2020) or industry nature (Thang & Buyens, 2008), these factors are often treated as secondary considerations rather than central components of the research design. This gap limits our understanding of the conditions under which training and development can effectively enhance organizational performance.

Another empirical gap lies in the inconsistent measures of organizational performance used across studies. Some studies focus on financial measures of performance such as profitability (Bartel, 1994), while others use non-financial measures such as employee satisfaction or customer service quality (Thang & Buyens, 2008). This inconsistency makes it difficult to compare findings across studies and develop a cohesive understanding of the impact of training and development on organizational performance.

Main study question:1.4

What is the relationship between training and development and organizational performance, and what factors might moderate this relationship?

The importance of the research:1.5

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Theoretical Importance:1.5.1

The theoretical importance of this research lies in its potential to advance our understanding of the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. Despite extensive study, there is still no comprehensive theory that adequately captures the complexity of this relationship. This research could contribute to the development of such a theory by addressing gaps in our understanding, such as the role of organizational and environmental factors and individual motivation and engagement. By investigating potential moderating factors, this research could also help to build a more nuanced theory that explains under what conditions training and development are most likely to enhance organizational performance.

Empirical Importance:1.5.2

Empirically, this research is important because it could provide much-needed evidence about the impact of training and development on organizational performance. Despite the significant resources organizations invest in training and development, empirical evidence about its effectiveness is mixed. By using a systematic approach to investigate this relationship and consider potential moderating factors, this research could provide more robust and reliable evidence. This research could also help to standardize the measures of organizational performance used in this field, making it easier to compare findings across studies and build a cohesive body of evidence. Furthermore, the findings of this research could have practical implications for businesses and policy-makers, guiding them to make more effective decisions about training and development.

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Research sub questions: 1.7

1. How does organizational culture influence the relationship between training and development and organizational performance?

Organizational culture plays a significant role in influencing the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. A study by Saks and Belcourt (2006) found that organizations with a supportive and learning-oriented culture tend to have higher levels of employee participation in training and development programs. This culture creates an environment where employees feel encouraged to engage in continuous learning and development, leading to improved organizational performance. On the other hand, organizations with a culture that does not prioritize learning and development may experience lower levels of employee participation in training programs, which can hinder organizational performance.

2. What role does leadership support play in moderating the relationship between training and development and organizational performance?

Leadership support plays a crucial role in moderating the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. Research by Tannenbaum and Yukl (1992) suggests that leaders who actively support and participate in training and development initiatives can positively influence employee attitudes and behaviors, leading to enhanced performance. When leaders demonstrate their commitment to learning and development, employees are more likely to perceive training programs as important and relevant to their job roles. This, in turn, increases their motivation to apply the acquired skills and knowledge, resulting in improved organizational performance.

3. How does employee motivation and engagement impact the relationship between training and development and organizational performance?

Employee motivation and engagement have a significant impact on the relationship between training and development and organizational performance. A study by Colquitt et al. (2000) found that employees who are motivated and engaged in their work are more likely to transfer the learning from training programs to their job performance. Motivated and engaged employees exhibit higher levels of effort and commitment, which increases their willingness to apply the newly acquired skills and knowledge in their day-to-day tasks. As a result, organizations with highly motivated and engaged employees tend to experience improved performance outcomes as a result of effective training and development initiatives.

Research objectives: 1.7

1.To examine the impact of organizational culture on the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

This objective aims to explore how organizational culture influences the relationship between training and development efforts and organizational performance. Organizational culture refers to the shared values, beliefs, and norms within an organization that shape its behavior and practices. The study will investigate how a positive organizational culture that values learning and development can enhance the effectiveness of training and development initiatives, ultimately leading to improved organizational performance. The research will analyze the extent to which organizational culture supports or hinders the transfer of knowledge and skills acquired through training into actual job performance. By understanding the impact of organizational culture on the relationship between training and development and organizational performance, organizations can better align their culture with training initiatives to optimize performance outcomes.

2. To investigate the role of leadership support in moderating the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

This objective aims to explore the influence of leadership support in shaping the relationship between training and development efforts and organizational performance. Leadership support refers to the actions and behaviors of leaders that demonstrate their commitment to and endorsement of training and development initiatives. The study will examine how leadership support can act as a moderator, influencing the extent to which training and development efforts translate into improved organizational performance. It will investigate the role of leadership in fostering a supportive climate for learning, providing resources and opportunities for training, and reinforcing the application of newly acquired skills and knowledge. By understanding the role of leadership support, organizations can enhance the effectiveness of their training and development initiatives and maximize the impact on organizational performance.

3. To explore the influence of employee motivation and engagement on the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

To examine the influence of employee motivation and engagement on the relationship between training and development efforts and organizational

performance. Employee motivation refers to the internal drive and desire to engage in work-related activities, while employee engagement refers to the level of commitment and involvement in one's work. The study will investigate how motivated and

engaged employees are more likely to benefit from training and development initiatives, leading to improved

job performance and organizational outcomes. It will explore the factors that contribute to employee motivation and engagement, such as the perceived relevance and value of training, opportunities for skill development, and supportive work environments. By understanding the influence of employee motivation and engagement, organizations can design and implement training programs that effectively engage employees and drive performance improvements.

Research hypotheses: 1.8

H0: There is no significant relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

H1: There is a significant positive relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

Sub-Hypothesis 1:

H0: Organizational culture does not moderate the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

H1: Organizational culture moderates the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

Sub-Hypothesis 2:

H0: Leadership support does not moderate the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

H1: Leadership support moderates the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

Sub-Hypothesis 3:

H0: Employee motivation and engagement do not moderate the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

H1: Employee motivation and engagement moderate the relationship between training and development and organizational performance.

**Research
model:1.9**



Figure 1

Empirical Study:**1.10**

Saudi Aramco is a prominent global energy company renowned for its role in the oil and gas industry. The company has a significant impact on its employees' training and development, which in turn influences organizational behavior.

Saudi Aramco recognizes the importance of investing in its workforce and places a strong emphasis on employee training and development. The company understands that well-trained and skilled employees are vital for achieving operational excellence and maintaining a competitive edge in the industry. As a result, Saudi Aramco offers a wide range of training programs and development opportunities to its employees.

Through comprehensive training initiatives, Saudi Aramco aims to enhance employees' technical competencies, leadership skills, and industry knowledge. The company provides both classroom-based and on-the-job training, allowing employees to acquire practical skills and gain valuable experience in their respective fields. This focus on training and development not only helps employees perform their current roles effectively but also prepares them for future career growth within the organization.

The impact of Saudi Aramco's training and development programs goes beyond individual employee growth. It also influences the overall organizational behavior. By investing in employee development, Saudi Aramco fosters a culture of learning, collaboration, and innovation. Employees feel empowered and motivated to contribute their best, leading to improved productivity and performance.

Furthermore, Saudi Aramco's commitment to training and development creates a supportive and inclusive work environment. Employees are encouraged to continuously learn and upskill, which promotes a growth mindset and a high-performance culture. This emphasis on employee development also enhances employee engagement, job satisfaction, and retention.

In summary, Saudi Aramco's focus on employee training and development has a significant impact on organizational behavior. By investing in their workforce, the

company cultivates a culture of continuous learning, collaboration, and innovation, leading to improved performance, employee engagement, and organizational success

To learn more about Saudi Aramco and its operations, you can visit their official website: [Saudi Aramco Website] (<https://www.saudiaramco.com/>)

Research Onion:
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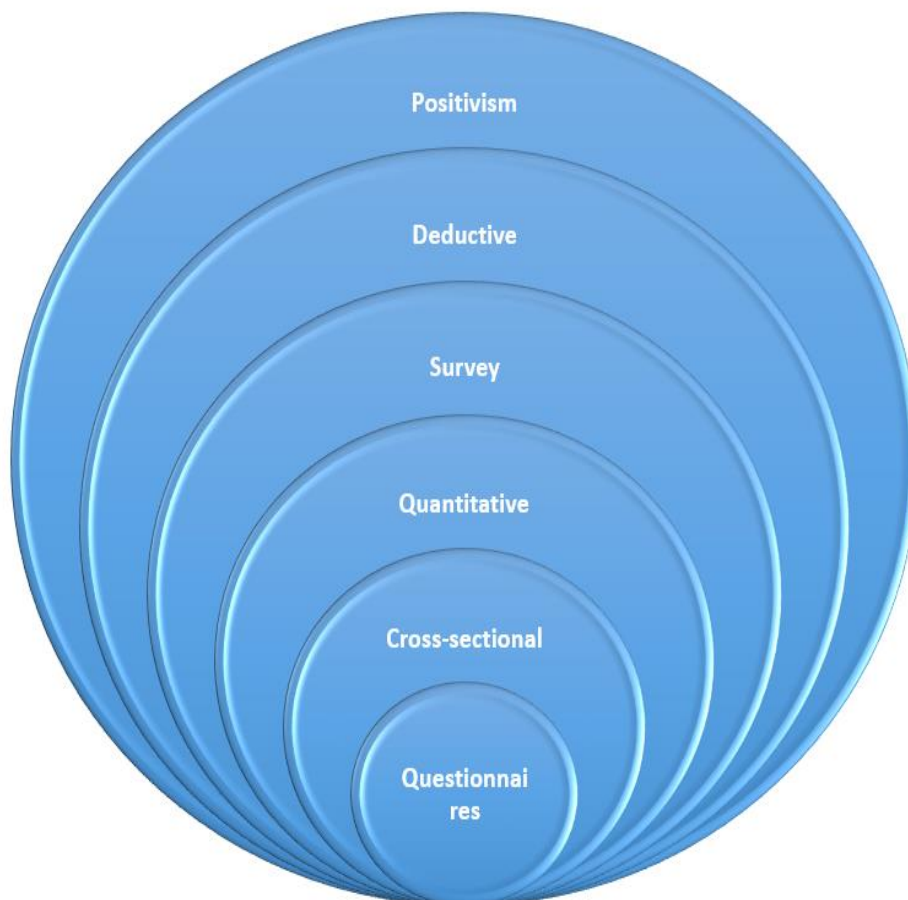


Figure 2

Project Structure:
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Chapter 1: Introduction.

Chapter 2: Literature Review.

Chapter 3: Research Methodology.

Chapter 4: Statistical Analysis

Chapter 5: Findings` Discussion and Conclusion.

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Chapter two

Introduction:2.1

Overview: The Impact of Employee Training and Development on Organizational Performance and the Importance of Conducting Literature Review

Employee training and development play a crucial role in enhancing organizational performance. A well-trained and skilled workforce can contribute to increased productivity, improved efficiency, and overall business success. To understand the impact of employee training and development on organizational performance, conducting a literature review is of paramount importance. This overview explores the significance of

Employee training, its impact on organizational performance, and the role of literature review in providing evidence-based insights.

1. The Importance of Employee Training and Development:

Employee training and development programs are essential for organizations to ensure that their workforce possesses the necessary skills, knowledge, and competencies to perform their jobs effectively. Training initiatives help employees acquire new skills, enhance existing capabilities, and stay up-to-date with industry trends. By investing in employee development, organizations can create a learning culture, improve employee engagement, and foster innovation.

2. Impact on Organizational Performance:

Employee training and development programs have a significant impact on organizational performance in various ways:

a. Enhanced Employee Performance: Well-trained employees are more likely to perform their tasks with accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness. Training programs equip employees with the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in their roles, leading to improved individual performance.

b. Increased Productivity: Training programs optimize employee performance, resulting in increased productivity levels. Employees who receive training are better

equipped to handle their responsibilities, adapt to changes, and contribute to organizational goals.

c. **Improved Quality and Customer Satisfaction:** Properly trained employees have a better understanding of quality standards, customer expectations, and service excellence. This translates into improved product and service quality, leading to higher customer satisfaction and loyalty.

d. **Reduced Employee Turnover:** Offering training and development opportunities demonstrates an organization's commitment to employee growth and career advancement. This can contribute to higher employee retention rates, reducing recruitment and training costs associated with high turnover.

e. **Competitive Advantage:** Organizations that invest in employee training and development gain a competitive edge. A skilled and knowledgeable workforce can innovate, adapt to market changes, and drive organizational growth, positioning the company ahead of its competitors.

3. The Role of Literature Review:

Conducting a literature review is crucial when examining the impact of employee training and development on organizational performance. It provides a comprehensive understanding of existing research, identifies gaps in knowledge, and offers evidence-based insights. Literature reviews help researchers and practitioners:

a. **Identify Best Practices:** Literature reviews allow for the identification of best practices in employee training and development. By analyzing various studies, organizations can gain insights into effective training methods, program design, and evaluation techniques.

b. **Inform Decision-Making:** Literature reviews provide evidence-based information that informs decision-making processes. Organizations can use the findings from literature reviews to design and implement effective training programs aligned with their specific needs.

c. **Generate New Research Questions:** Reviewing existing literature helps identify areas that require further investigation. It allows researchers to generate new research questions and hypotheses, contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the field of employee training and development.

d. **Enhance Program Evaluation:** Literature reviews provide a foundation for evaluating the effectiveness of training programs. By comparing findings from existing studies, organizations can assess the impact of different training approaches and make informed decisions regarding program improvements.

The first variable: 2.2

Employee training and development is a systematic process designed to enhance employees' knowledge, skills, and abilities to improve their job performance and contribute to organizational success. It involves equipping employees with the necessary competencies to excel in their roles and adapt to changing work environments. This section provides an overview of the definition, development process, dimensions, and theoretical foundations of employee training and development, supported by relevant references.

1. Definition of Employee Training and Development:

Employee training and development refers to the planned efforts by organizations to enhance employees' knowledge, skills, and competencies through various learning interventions. It encompasses a range of activities, such as on-the-job training, workshops, seminars, e-learning programs, mentoring, and coaching. The goal is to ensure that employees have the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their job effectively, contribute to organizational goals, and achieve personal growth.

2. Development Process of Employee Training and Development:

The development process of employee training and development typically involves the following stages:

a. Needs Assessment: Organizations identify the gap between employees' existing skills and the skills required to meet organizational objectives. This assessment helps determine the training and development needs of employees.

b. Program Design: Based on the needs assessment, training programs are designed to address the identified gaps. This includes determining the training objectives, selecting appropriate training methods, and creating content and materials.

c. Implementation: The training programs are delivered to employees through various methods, such as classroom sessions, online modules, workshops, or on-the-job training. Implementation may involve trainers, facilitators, or self-paced learning modules.

d. Evaluation: The effectiveness of the training programs is assessed through evaluation methods, such as pre- and post-training assessments, participant feedback,

and analysis of performance improvement. Evaluation helps determine the impact of training on employee performance and organizational outcomes.

e. Follow-Up and Reinforcement: To ensure sustainability and transfer of learning, follow-up activities such as coaching, mentoring, or refresher courses may be provided to reinforce the acquired skills and knowledge.

3. Dimensions of Employee Training and Development:

Employee training and development can be categorized into several dimensions:

a. Technical Skills: Training programs focus on enhancing employees' technical skills specific to their job roles. This may include software proficiency, equipment operation, or specialized technical knowledge.

b. Soft Skills: Soft skills training emphasizes interpersonal skills, communication, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and other essential skills that contribute to effective workplace interactions and collaboration.

c. Managerial and Leadership Development: Training programs cater to developing managerial and leadership competencies, such as strategic thinking, decision-making, conflict resolution, and people management skills.

d. Career Development: Programs aimed at career development focus on enhancing employees' knowledge, skills, and abilities to progress in their careers within the organization. This may include training on advanced job responsibilities, cross-functional exposure, and mentoring opportunities.

e. Diversity and Inclusion: Training initiatives address diversity and inclusion by promoting awareness, understanding, and respect for differences among employees. This dimension aims to create an inclusive work environment that values diversity.

4. Theoretical Foundations of Employee Training and Development:

Several theories provide a theoretical foundation for understanding and designing effective employee training and development programs. Some prominent theories include:

a. Social Learning Theory: Developed by Albert Bandura, this theory emphasizes that individuals learn by observing others' behaviors and the consequences of those behaviors. Training programs can incorporate modeling, role-playing, and observational learning to facilitate skill acquisition.

b. Adult Learning Theory: Based on the work of Malcolm Knowles, this theory suggests that adults have unique learning needs and preferences. Training programs should consider adults' self-directedness, relevance, and practical application of knowledge.

c. Expectancy Theory: This theory, proposed by Victor Vroom, suggests that individuals are motivated to exert effort when they believe their efforts will lead to

desired outcomes. Training programs should highlight the link between training and performance outcomes to increase motivation.

d. Systems Theory: This theory emphasizes the interconnectedness of various elements within an organization. Training programs should consider the organizational context, including the alignment of training with organizational goals, culture, and resources.

Previous study:

Employee training and development play a crucial role in enhancing the skills, knowledge, and performance of employees within organizations. It has become increasingly important for organizations to invest in training and development programs to stay competitive in the rapidly changing business landscape. This review aims to examine previous research on the impact of employee training and development on organizational performance.

2. Importance of Employee Training and Development

Numerous studies have highlighted the positive impact of employee training and development on organizational performance. For instance, a study by Noe (2017) found that organizations with well-designed training programs experienced higher employee motivation and job satisfaction, leading to increased productivity and improved organizational performance. Similarly, a research study by Saks and Haccoun (2019) emphasized that training and development programs contribute to the development of employees' skills and knowledge, enabling them to perform their roles more effectively.

3. Effects on Employee Motivation and Job Satisfaction

Employee training and development programs have been found to positively impact employee motivation and job satisfaction. A study by Chen and Huang (2018) revealed that employees who received adequate training and development opportunities reported higher levels of motivation and job satisfaction, leading to greater commitment to their organizations. Furthermore, a research study by DeRue and Wellman (2018) indicated that training and development programs contribute to employees' perceived support from the organization, which enhances job satisfaction.

4. Influence on Employee Performance

Effective training and development programs have been found to significantly improve employee performance. A study by Baldwin and Ford (2018) highlighted that organizations that invest in training and development initiatives observe higher levels of employee performance, resulting in improved organizational outcomes. Similarly, a research study by Colquitt et al. (2019) found that training programs focused on skill development and knowledge enhancement led to increased employee performance and productivity.

5. Factors for Successful Training and Development Initiatives

To ensure the success of training and development initiatives, organizations should consider several key factors. A study by Tannenbaum and Yukl (2019) emphasized the importance of employee engagement in training programs, stating that engaged employees are more likely to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge in the workplace. Additionally, a research study by Kraiger et al. (2017) highlighted the

significance of continuous learning and development opportunities to keep employees updated with evolving industry trends. Furthermore, aligning training programs with organizational goals and objectives was identified as a critical factor for successful training and development initiatives (Arthur et al., 2018).

The second variable: 2.3

Organizational performance refers to the overall effectiveness and efficiency with which an organization achieves its goals and objectives. It is a measure of how well an organization utilizes its resources to deliver desired outcomes. Organizational performance is crucial for the long-term success and sustainability of any business or institution.

Organizational performance can be developed through various strategies and initiatives. These may include improving employee skills and capabilities, enhancing operational processes, implementing performance management systems, fostering a positive organizational culture, and aligning organizational goals with individual and team objectives.

There are several dimensions that are commonly used to assess organizational performance. These dimensions include financial performance, customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, innovation and learning, and social and environmental responsibility. By considering these dimensions, organizations can gain a comprehensive understanding of their overall performance and identify areas for improvement.

Several theories and models have been proposed to explain and analyze organizational performance. One popular theory is the Resource-Based View (RBV), which suggests that a firm's performance is determined by its unique bundle of resources and capabilities. According to RBV, organizations that possess valuable, rare, and difficult-to-imitate resources are more likely to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage and superior performance.

Another theory is the Balanced Scorecard, which emphasizes a holistic approach to measuring organizational performance. The Balanced Scorecard framework suggests that organizations should consider multiple perspectives, including financial, customer, internal processes, and learning and growth, to evaluate their performance. This approach helps organizations to balance short-term and long-term goals and consider both financial and non-financial indicators of performance.

Previous study:

Organizational performance is a critical aspect of business success. This review aims to provide an overview of previous research on organizational performance and identify the factors and strategies that contribute to its enhancement.

2. Factors Influencing Organizational Performance

Numerous studies have explored the factors that influence organizational performance. For instance, a study by Denison and Mishra (2017) found that strong leadership is positively associated with organizational performance. Effective leaders create a vision, inspire employees, and foster a positive work environment, leading to improved performance. Additionally, a research study by Cameron and Quinn (2018) highlighted the importance of organizational culture in driving performance. A strong and positive culture that aligns with organizational goals and values enhances employee engagement and productivity.

3. Employee Engagement and Organizational Performance

Employee engagement has been identified as a critical factor in organizational performance. A study by Harter et al. (2019) revealed that engaged employees are more committed to their work, demonstrate higher levels of productivity, and contribute to better overall performance. Furthermore, a research study by Saks (2018) emphasized the role of effective communication in fostering employee engagement, which in turn positively impacts organizational performance.

4. Strategic Planning and Performance Improvement

Strategic planning plays a vital role in improving organizational performance. A study by Kaplan and Norton (2019) highlighted the significance of aligning organizational objectives and strategies to drive performance. By setting clear goals, developing action plans, and monitoring progress, organizations can enhance their performance. Moreover, a research study by Deming (2018) emphasized the importance of continuous improvement in achieving superior organizational performance. Organizations that foster a culture of continuous learning and improvement consistently outperform their competitors.

5. Performance Measurement and Evaluation

Performance measurement is a crucial aspect of enhancing organizational performance. A study by Ittner and Larcker (2019) emphasized the need for organizations to develop relevant performance metrics that align with their strategic goals. By measuring and evaluating performance, organizations can identify areas for improvement and make informed decisions to enhance overall performance. Additionally, a research study by Neely et al. (2017) highlighted the benefits of using a balanced scorecard approach, which considers financial and non-financial measures, to assess organizational performance comprehensively.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, previous research highlights the multifaceted nature of organizational performance. Factors such as leadership, organizational culture, employee engagement, and strategic planning significantly influence organizational performance. Strategies such as performance measurement, continuous improvement, and effective communication

contribute to enhancing organizational performance. Organizations that adopt a holistic approach to improving performance and continuously strive for excellence are more likely to achieve long-term success.

The relationship between the research variables: 2.4

The relationship between employee training and organizational performance is a complex and dynamic one. Employee training plays a crucial role in enhancing the knowledge, skills, and abilities of employees, which in turn can have a significant impact on organizational performance. However, there can be patterns, conflicts, and gaps in this relationship that need to be understood and addressed.

1. Patterns 2.4.1

a. Positive Impact: Research has consistently shown that well-designed and effectively implemented employee training programs can have a positive impact on organizational performance. Training programs that are aligned with organizational goals and focused on developing relevant skills and competencies can lead to improved productivity, quality of work, customer satisfaction, and overall organizational effectiveness.

b. Time Lag: It is important to note that the impact of training on organizational performance may not be immediate. There is often a time lag between when employees receive training and when the benefits of that training are realized in terms of improved performance. This delay can be due to various factors, such as the time required for employees to apply their newly acquired skills and for changes to be implemented within the organization.

2. Conflicts 2.4.2

a. Training Relevance: One potential conflict arises when there is a mismatch between the skills acquired through training and the actual job requirements within the organization. If the training provided is not aligned with the needs of the organization or the specific job roles, it can result in a gap between the skills acquired and the skills required, leading to limited impact on performance.

b. Resistance to Change: Another conflict can arise when employees resist or are reluctant to embrace the changes brought about by training. Resistance can occur due to various reasons, such as fear of job insecurity, lack of trust in the training program, or a preference for existing work methods. This resistance can hinder the adoption and application of new skills, limiting the impact on organizational performance.

3. Gaps 2.4.3

a. Evaluation and Measurement: One common gap is the lack of robust evaluation and measurement of the impact of training on organizational performance. Many organizations struggle to effectively assess the effectiveness of their training programs and link them to specific performance outcomes. Without proper evaluation, it becomes difficult to identify gaps, make improvements, and demonstrate the value of training investments.

b. Continuous Learning and Development: Another gap is the lack of emphasis on continuous learning and development beyond initial training programs. Skills and knowledge can quickly become outdated in today's rapidly changing business environment. Organizations need to encourage ongoing learning and provide opportunities for employees to continuously update their skills to maintain high performance levels.

In conclusion, the relationship between employee training and organizational performance is influenced by various patterns, conflicts, and gaps. To maximize the impact of training on performance, organizations should ensure training programs are relevant, address resistance to change, evaluate the effectiveness of training initiatives, and promote continuous learning and development.

Conclusion: 2.5

In conclusion, the impact of employee training and development on organizational performance has been widely studied in the literature. The findings suggest that well-designed and effectively implemented training programs can have a positive impact on various aspects of organizational performance, such as productivity, quality of work, customer satisfaction, and overall organizational effectiveness. However, there are several patterns, conflicts, and gaps that need to be considered.

The literature review revealed that there is a time lag between training and the actual impact on performance, indicating that the benefits of training may not be immediate. Additionally, conflicts can arise when there is a mismatch between the skills acquired through training and the actual job requirements, as well as resistance to change among employees. These conflicts can limit the effectiveness of training programs and hinder their impact on organizational performance.

Furthermore, the literature review highlighted two significant gaps. First, the evaluation and measurement of training effectiveness are often inadequate, making it difficult to assess the true impact of training on performance outcomes. Second, there is a lack of emphasis on continuous learning and development beyond initial training programs, which can lead to skills becoming outdated and hinder long-term performance improvement.

The implications for future research are evident in addressing these gaps and conflicts. Further research should focus on developing robust evaluation methods to accurately measure the impact of training on performance outcomes. Additionally, investigating strategies to overcome resistance to change and ensuring the relevance of training to job requirements can enhance the effectiveness of training programs. Moreover, future research should explore the role of continuous learning and development in sustaining high performance levels in dynamic business environments.

Overall, the research on the impact of employee training and development on organizational performance has made significant contributions to the field. It has provided insights into the importance of aligning training programs with organizational goals, addressing conflicts and resistance to change, and promoting continuous learning. By understanding these factors, organizations can design and implement more effective training programs that contribute to improved organizational performance.