

Chapter 1-2 Review Questions

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A benefit of virtual management is:

- Managers no longer have to monitor employee performance
- More employees can work at home and reduce facility costs
- Very little technology is required which results in reduced expenses to an organization
- It is much easier to schedule meetings and get work accomplished

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In traditional management:

- Employees see each other every day
- Team members usually work in the same office, factory or warehouse
- The company has a hierarchical structure
- All the above

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Virtual managers can communicate with virtual team members by using the following method:

- Audio conference
- Emails
- Video conferencing
- All of the above

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The ____ manager works with a local group of employees, while the ____ manager could work with both local office employees and remote offsite groups:

- Virtual & Departmental
- Traditional & Virtual
- Human Resource & Traditional
- Functional & Virtual

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A remote worker is required to have the following skill sets:

- Communication
- Technical knowledge
- Marketing
- A and B

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Employees need a high level of ____ and ____ from a virtual manager.

- Support and Guidance
- Training and Monitoring
- Empathy and Emotional Support
- Time and Understanding

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A virtual company is one that:

- Has multiple workers in one building separated by two or more floors
- Has at least one worker not in the same physical location each day as other co-workers on the same team
- Operates in a city with a strong technology base
- Uses the internet and email for research and communication

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- A virtual company may have a split team which consists of:
- Two or more main office locations with a local manager
 - Hand-picked team members with a high performance level
 - Two or more managers leading one internal team
 - An office location with a different managerial structure than the main office location

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- If a remote worker is located in a different time zone, the virtual manager should:
- Assume that the worker is always getting their work accomplished
 - Take the workers time zone into account when scheduling meetings
 - Schedule all meetings based on what is convenient for the manager
 - A and C

- Q
- One benefit of being a virtual team member is that it is not important for them to have a daily presence on the team.
- True
 - False

- Q
- A remote worker should be prepared to do the following administrative task:
- Assist the virtual manager by approving employee work hours
 - Read and respond to emails
 - Schedule meetings with each team member to see what everyone is working on
 - Direct the group and distribute projects while the manager is away

- Q
- A virtual manager is defined as someone who:
- Visits his or her employees every day on the job
 - Uses a computer to email other people
 - Has responsibility for at least one team member, vendor or project at a different location
 - Is located in the same physical space as his or her team members, vendors, or projects.

- Q
- Virtual managers can operate a business in the same manner as they do in a local office.
- True
 - False

- Q
- A virtual manager must have proficient skills in communication and decision making.
- True
 - False

- Q
- When communicating in an ____ environment, over ____% of the communication is non-verbal:
- Interactive & 50
 - Virtual & 25
 - Local office & 20
 - Virtual & 80

Chapter 4 Review Questions

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An organizations decision to do business globally may be a result of their desire to:

- Expand into new markets
- Support existing clients who are doing business overseas
- Increase revenues
- All of the above

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Additional vacation time is not a critical factor to consider when setting up an office overseas.

- True
- False

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The following issue relates to something that often is overlooked when deciding to do business internationally:

- The cost of training existing staff in cross-cultural communication
- The cost of supplying lunch for all employees during meetings
- Software licensing for all team members
- Tools for managers to communicate with international team members

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When managing cultural differences, ____ and ____ may be two factors that positively or negatively affect productivity, morale, and results:

- Knowledge and Money
- Time differences and Management Style
- Religion and Values
- Self-directedness and Prioritization Skills

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When setting up meetings with multiple remote workers from around the globe, it is essential to know each workers:

- Scheduled lunch hour
- Technical competencies
- Time difference
- Vacation schedule

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____ is one critical component within the stages of cultural adjustment and is realized when team members are more comfortable in their surroundings:

- Friendliness
- Confidence
- Courtesy
- Integration

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To assure that all team members are moving in the right direction and not following their own individual guidelines, virtual managers should ensure that:

- They are available to talk with each team member once a month
- Follows the typical guidelines that are used within their culture
- Team members send in a schedule of what they think they should be doing
- Everyone understands the decision-making process

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During the conflict stage, transplanted team members began to feel ____ due to the lack of familiarity and comfort with people and things around them:

- Overwhelmed
- Motivated
- Productive
- More balanced

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Recognizing and discussing the significance of ____ are important when working with and managing remote team member from other countries:

- Family members birthdays
- The company's history
- Cultural celebrations
- Salaries

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Communication styles are one factor that virtual managers will not have to be concerned with when managing cultural differences.

- True
- False

Q

During the adaptation stage of adjustment, the team member will:

- Feel overwhelmed with all of the new information that has to be learned
- Feel at home within the new culture, but put in a request to move back home
- Relocate back to their main home office
- Feel at home both in their own culture and the new one

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To supplement formal presentations, it is recommended that ____ and ____ be used to improve comprehension:

- Slang and Non-summarized information
- Graphs and Charts
- Technical jargon and Acronyms
- Gestures and Either/or questions

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It is important for virtual managers to pay close attention to gestures when meeting with remote workers from different cultural background.

- True
- False

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When setting up overseas operations there are often indirect costs that are overlooked which may include:

- Additional funding for setting up a (VPN) virtual private network
- The cost of leasing office space
- Additional cost of purchasing office equipment
- The increased cost of employing staff domestically with experience in managing offshore teams or projects

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During the honeymoon stage of cultural adjustment, the transplant worker will feel:

- Enthusiastic and eager to please
- Non-interested in anything
- Resistant to change
- Happy, but excited to get back to their own cultural surroundings

Chapter 5 Review Questions

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Some of the indirect costs that are overlooked when companies are planning to conduct business overseas include:

- Increased communication and travel costs
- The cost of training staff in cross cultural communication
- The increased cost of management time required to manage or coordinate with the offshore office
- **All of the above**

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- Schedule the meeting based on what is convenient for the virtual manager
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The four stages of cultural adjustment are:

- Adaptation, conflict, leadership and integration
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- Dictating exactly what team members will do
- Telling team members to solve their own conflicts
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- To gain a competitive advantage and stay ahead of the competition
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When evaluating outsourcing options, some questions to consider before making a final decision include:

- Why do you want to outsource?
- What are the costs of outsourcing?
- How important is quality?
- All the above

Q:
The key to outsource success is:

- Careful and attentive management of the project or function
- A strong working relationship between the client's and vendor's project managers
- A carefully thought out travel policy
- A & B

Q:
A _____ defines the work tasks and deliverables that the outsourced company is being contracted to provide.

- Vendor description
- Legal compliance form
- Statement of Work
- Fee and payment schedule

Q:
A domestic alternative to offshoring, where the work is outsourced to rural, underdeveloped parts of the United States, is called _____.

- Ruralsourcing
- Farmsourcing
- Localsourcing
- Indiesourcing

Q:
Companies might decide to stop outsourcing because:

- The team members vote to close down an operation
- The company has made enough money
- The economy has changed so that they outsourcing is no longer financially viable
- A & B

Q:
To understand the time and costs of an offshore project, it is important to define:

- Where does the responsibility lie for the initial training of offshore employees?
- Who is responsible for quality assurance of the product or service?
- What tourist sights should employees visit first?
- A & B

Q:

Not all outsourced work goes abroad. A lot of outsourcing is done locally or regionally.

- True
- False

Q:

Many government contracts or government-regulated work prohibits offshore outsourcing.

- True
- False