

Assignment

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Subject: Principles of Management

Q1): How can you prepare yourself to become an effective manager in an increasingly uncertain and global business environment?

Answer:

The world as it is today is much different than it was when our parents' parents were in managerial positions. In fact, the way companies market products has changed more in the past five years than in the previous one-hundred combined! With such rapid, dramatic change in the business place, it is abundantly clear that managers must take necessary steps to be an effective manager in this current global business environment. Managers can adapt to changes by boundary-spanning roles, interorganizational partnerships, and mergers or joint ventures. According to the online text book for Activated Logic, "Understanding the marketing environment in which your organization competes and also understanding how the micro & macro-economic forces impact your organization is very important, as these factors

present both opportunities and threats.” As upcoming managers prepare themselves to be effective in the increasingly uncertain global business environment, it is evident that knowledge of the following is important: competitors, customers and other elements of the environment. One key component, not to be over looked, is the concept of team work **(i.e. joint ventures, partnerships and mergers)**.

Q2): Explain the difference between efficiency and effectiveness and their importance for organizational performance.

Answer:

Efficiency

Efficiency refers to the ability to produce maximum output from the given input with the least waste of time, effort, money, energy and raw materials. It can be measured quantitatively by designing and attaining the input-output ratios of the company's resources like funds, energy, material, labor, etc. Efficiency is also considered a parameter to calculate the performance and productivity by making comparisons between the budgeted output and the actual outputs produced with the fixed number of inputs. It is the ability to do things in a well-mannered way, to achieve the standard output. Efficiency is an essential element for resource utilization, as they are very less in number, and they have alternative uses, so they must be utilized in the best possible way.

Effectiveness

Effectiveness refers to the extent to which something has been done, to achieve the targeted outcome. It means the degree of closeness of the achieved objective with the predetermined goal to examine the potency of the whole entity. Effectiveness has an outward look i.e. it discloses the relationship of the business organization with the macro

environment of business. It focuses on reaching the competitive position in the market.

Effectiveness is result oriented that shows how excellently an activity has been performed that led to the achievement of the intended outcome which is either accurate or next to perfect.

BASIS FOR COMPARISON	EFFICIENCY	EFFECTIVENESS
Meaning	The virtue of being efficient is known as efficiency.	The magnitude of nearness of the actual result with the intended result is known as effectiveness.
What is it?	Work is to be done in a correct manner.	Doing accurate work.
Emphasis on	Inputs and Outputs	Means and Ends
Time Horizon	Short Run	Long Run
Approach	Introverted	Extroverted
Ascertainment	Strategy Implementation	Strategy Formulation
Orientation	Operations	Strategies

Key Differences between Efficiency and Effectiveness

The points, given below describe the substantial differences between efficiency and effectiveness:

1. The ability to produce maximum output with limited resources is known as Efficiency. The level of the nearness of the actual result with planned result is Effectiveness.
2. Efficiency is 'to do the things perfect' while Effectiveness is 'to do perfect things'.
3. Efficiency has a short run perspective. Conversely, the long run is the point of view of Effectiveness.
4. Efficiency is yield-oriented. Unlike Effectiveness, which is result oriented.
5. Efficiency is to be maintained at the time of strategy implementation, whereas strategy formulation requires Effectiveness.
6. Efficiency is measured in operations of the organization, but Effectiveness of strategies is measured which are made by the organization.
7. Efficiency is the outcome of actual output upon given the number of inputs. On the other hand, Effectiveness has a relationship with means and ends.

Conclusion

Efficiency and Effectiveness both have a prominent place in the business environment which must be maintained by the organization because its success lies on them. Efficiency has an introspective approach, i.e. it measures the performance of operations, processes, workers, cost, time, etc. inside the organization. It has a clear focus on reducing the expenditure or wastage or eliminating unnecessary costs to achieve the output with a stated number of inputs. In the case of Effectiveness, it has an extroverted approach that highlights the relationship of the business organization with the rest of the world to

attain a competitive position in the market, i.e. it helps the organization to judge the potency of the whole organization by making strategies and choosing the best means for the attainment result.

Q3): Draw organ gram/organization chart of any organization and explain the role of First line manager, middle line manager, and Top level manager from this chart.

Answer:

There are three types of managerial posts which are:

- ***TOP LEVEL***
- ***MIDDLE LEVEL***
- ***FIRST LEVEL***

TOP-LEVEL MANAGERS:

Top-level managers, or top managers, are also called senior management or executives. These individuals are at the top one or two levels in an organization, and hold titles such as: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Operational Officer (COO), Chief Information Officer (CIO), and Chairperson of the Board, President, Vice president, and corporate head.

Often, a set of these managers will constitute the top management team, which is composed of the CEO, the COO, and other department heads. Top-level managers make decisions affecting the entirety of the firm. Top managers do not direct the day-to-day activities of the firm; rather, they set goals for the organization and direct the company to achieve them. Top managers are ultimately responsible for the performance of the organization, and often, these managers have very visible jobs.

Top managers in most organizations have a great deal of managerial experience and have moved up through the ranks of management

within the company or in another firm. An exception to this is a top manager who is also an entrepreneur; such an individual may start a small company and manage it until it grows enough to support several levels of management. Many top managers possess an advanced degree, such as a Masters in Business Administration, but such a degree is not required.

Some CEOs are hired in from other top management positions in other companies. Conversely, they may be promoted from within and groomed for top management with management development activities, coaching, and mentoring. They may be tagged for promotion through succession planning, which identifies high potential managers.

MIDDLE-LEVEL MANAGERS

Middle-level managers, or middle managers, are those in the levels below top managers. Middle managers' job titles include: General Manager, Plant manager, Regional manager, and Divisional manager.

Middle-level managers are responsible for carrying out the goals set by top management. They do so by setting goals for their departments and other business units. Middle managers can motivate and assist first-line managers to achieve business objectives. Middle managers may also communicate upward, by offering suggestions and feedback to top managers. Because middle managers are more involved in the day-to-day workings of a company, they may provide valuable information to top managers to help improve the organization's bottom line.

Jobs in middle management vary widely in terms of responsibility and salary. Depending on the size of the company and the number of middle-level managers in the firm, middle managers may supervise only a small group of employees, or they may manage very large groups, such as an entire business location. Middle managers may be employees who were promoted from first-level manager positions

within the organization, or they may have been hired from outside the firm. Some middle managers may have aspirations to hold positions in top management in the future.

FIRST-LEVEL MANAGERS

First-level managers are also called first-line managers or supervisors. These managers have job titles such as: Office manager, Shift supervisor, Department manager, Foreperson, Crew leader, Store manager.

First-line managers are responsible for the daily management of line workers—the employees who actually produce the product or offer the service. There are first-line managers in every work unit in the organization. Although first-level managers typically do not set goals for the organization, they have a very strong influence on the company. These are the managers that most employees interact with on a daily basis, and if the managers perform poorly, employees may also perform poorly, may lack motivation, or may leave the company.

In the past, most first-line managers were employees who were promoted from line positions (such as production or clerical jobs). Rarely did these employees have formal education beyond the high school level. However, many first-line managers are now graduates of a trade school, or have a two-year associates or a four-year bachelor's degree from college.

