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Question 1

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- B- Establishing transparent selection criteria
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- **D-** Applying a precise performance framework

Answer:

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Explanation:

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Question 2

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A company has a lists of items that make up 15% of total spend. These items also do not largely impact on quality of final product. The supply continuity is secured. Which of the following will be the most appropriate managing approach to purchase these items?

- A- Enhance supply continuity
- **B-** Simplify procurement process

C- Build partnership with suppliers
D- Drive down cost based on market competition
Answer:
В
Explanation:

LEVERAGE ITEMS

- Exploitation of full purchasing power
- Targeted pricing strategies/negotiations
- Abundant supply

STRATEGIC ITEMS

- Development of long-term relationships
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- Natural scarcity

NON-CRITICAL ITEMS

- Product standardisation
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- E- Define the ideal solution

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Explanation:

Cracks on the jet engine is a closed-end problem. A typical problem solving process has 8 steps:

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- What data is available or needed to help clarify, or fully understand the problem?
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Step 4: Identify Root Cause of the Problem

- Identify possible causes of the problem.
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Step 5: Develop Action Plan

- Generate a list of actions required to address the root cause and prevent problem from getting to others.
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- Status actions to ensure completion.

Step 6: Execute Action Plan

- Implement action plan to address the root cause.
- Verify actions are completed.

Step 7: Evaluate the Results

- Monitor and Collect Data.
- Did you meet your goals defined in step 3? If not, repeate th 8-Step Process.
- Were there any unforeseen consequences?
- If problem is resolved, remove activities that were added previously to contain the problem.

Step 8: Continuously Improve

- Look for additional opportunities to implement solution.
- Ensure problem will not come back and communicate lessons learned.
- If needed, repeat the 8-Step Problem Solving Process to drive further improvements.

ANA has already known what is going on, the next step they should adopt is collecting more infor-mation on the problem. If the airline is hurry to the solution, it may choose 'Generate options ad-dressing the issue'. The crack on turbine blade can be welded, or the airline replaces a new blade. However, jumping to solution without knowing the root cause does not completely solve the prob-lem. The root cause is unaddressed, then it may occur in the future. Therefore, the airline should still collect information to find the root cause, then remove it.

Question 4

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ABC Ltd has enormous investment in facilities and machinery. It also employs skilled workforce. To be profitable, the company has to produce at massive quantity. Which sector does ABC Ltd belong to?

Options:

- A- Manufacturing
- **B-** Retail
- **C-** Construction
- **D-** Agriculture
- E- Finance

Answer:

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Explanation:

In the scenario, ABC Ltd has the following characteristics:

- Large investment in facilities and machinery
- Access to skilled workforce
- Mass production.

This company is a manufacturer. Manufacturing is an industry that makes products from raw ma-terials by the use of manual labour or machinery and that is usually carried out systematically with a division of labour.

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- CIPS study guide page 74-76
- manufacturing | Definition, Types, & Facts | Britannica

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Question 5

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A company buys components from its supplier. However, the supplier has not sent the invoice to the buyer and the buyer will not pay until next month. How will that amount of money be shown in the financial statements of the buying organization?

Options:

- A- Accrued expense
- **B-** Accrued interest
- **C-** Tax liabilities
- D- Accounts payable

Answer:

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Explanation:

The buyer won't pay the supplier until next month. This is a liability to the buyer. This amount can be recorded as accrued expense or accounts payable. On the other hand, the supplier has not sent the invoice, so it should be accrued expense.

Both accounts payables and accrued expenses are liabilities. Accounts payable is the total amount of short-term obligations or debt a company has to pay to its creditors for goods or services bought on credit. With accounts payables, the vendor's or supplier's invoices have been received and recorded.

On the other hand, accrued expenses are the total liability that is payable for goods and services that have been consumed by the company or received. However, accrued expenses are those bills in which an invoice or bill has not yet been received. As a result, accrued expenses can sometimes be an estimated amount of what's owed, which is adjusted later to the exact amount, once the invoice has been received.

Conversely, accounts payable should represent the exact amount of the total owed from all of the invoices received.

- CIPS study guide page 55-56
- Understanding Accrued Expenses vs. Accounts Payable (investopedia.com)

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