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Question 1

Question Type: MultipleChoice

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Options:

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- B)** The decision maker increasing the resources to a new course of action if the employee can recommend alternatives such that the decision the new course of action as his/her own initiative.
- C)** Committing to projects that have been shown to be successful and limiting the additional commitment of resources to projects that have been unsuccessful.
- D)** The decision maker increasing the resources to the previous course of action in an effort to demonstrate that the previous course of action was appropriate.

Answer:

D

Explanation:

Consistency may be dysfunctional because it may result in inflexibility. The desire to avoid the inner conflict resulting from inconsistency may have adverse effects on decision making. For example, when a decision maker feels responsible for the failure of a course of action, (s) he may want to prove that the original decision was sound despite increasing evidence to the contrary. Thus, his/her commitment to a failed policy may escalate, and additional resources may be squandered.

Question 2

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- A) Commission percentage an investment banker receives for underwriting a security issue.
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Answer:

C

Explanation:

An investment banker performs an underwriting or insurance function when it purchases an issue of securities and then resells them. The risk of price fluctuations during the distribution period is borne entirely by the investment banker. Investment banking is also an efficient vehicle for marketing the securities because investment bankers are specialists in such activities. The profit earned is the underwriting spread, or the difference between the purchase and resale prices of the securities (effectively, the wholesale and retail prices).

Question 3

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Oradell Company sells its single product at a price of \$60 per unit and incurs the following variable costs per unit of product

Oradell's annual fixed costs are \$880,000, and Oradell is subject to a 30% income tax rate. The number of units of product that Oradell Company must sell annually to break even is?

Options:

- A) 22,000 units
- B) 44,000 units.
- C) 35,200 units.
- D) 30,800 units.

Answer:

B

Explanation:

The breakeven point in units equals fixed costs divided by the contribution margin per unit at a selling price of \$60 per unit and with variable costs of \$40 per unit, the unit contribution margin is \$20. Thus, the breakeven point is 44,000 units ($\$880,000 / \20).

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