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SIXTH SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

B.COM. PROFESSIONAL

GBCP6B29T: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS ETHICS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A. Answer *all* the questions. Each carries *one* mark.

Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the primary purpose of corporate governance?
A) Maximizing shareholder wealth. C) Promoting government intervention.
B) Minimizing employee satisfaction. D) Ignoring stakeholder interests.
2. Which of the following companies faced a major corporate governance failure involving fraudulent financial reporting and resulted in one of the largest accounting scandals in history?
A) Enron (USA) C) Sahara (India)
B) Vivendi (France) D) Kingfisher Ltd (India)
3. What is the role of organizational culture in promoting business ethics?
A) Organizational culture has no impact on business ethics.
B) Organizational culture may hinder ethical decision-making.
C) Organizational culture plays a crucial role in influencing ethical behavior.
D) Organizational culture is solely responsible for enforcing ethical rules.
4. _____ is the legislation which governs social responsibilities for an organization.
A) Companies Act 2013. C) Environmental Protection Act 1986.
B) National Green Tribunal Act. D) ISO 26000.
5. What is a key aspect of promoting gender equality as part of ethical practices in the workplace?
A) Providing preferential treatment to a specific gender.
B) Offering higher salaries to one gender over the other.
C) Ensuring equal opportunities and fair treatment for all genders.
D) Encouraging competition between genders for promotions.

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Fill in the Blanks.

6. In the context of ethical practices in business, promoting _____ in the workplace is essential for fostering a culture of fairness and equal opportunities.
7. The _____ Act 1986 in India addresses the objects and scope of environmental protection, including the control and abatement of environmental pollution.
8. _____ refers to the legal and regulatory framework that outlines the structure and functioning of companies, ensuring transparency, accountability, and fairness in their operations.
9. _____ in management plays a crucial role in shaping the ethical behavior of individuals within an organization, influencing decision-making based on shared values and principles.
10. The Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) and Enron are infamous examples of major corporate governance failures, highlighting the presence of _____ in various organizations.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

PART B. Answer any *eight* questions. Each carries *two* marks.

11. Describe the scope of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as an extension of business ethics.
12. Discuss the common governance problems observed in major corporate failures.
13. How does the organizational culture play a role in shaping ethical behavior within a company?
14. Why is the formation of a CSR Committee considered crucial in corporate governance?
15. How does a holistic approach in management contribute to ethical decision-making in business?
16. What are the key statutory measures related to corporate governance in India, including guidelines from SEBI and provisions under the Companies Act?
17. Mention the significance of CSR reporting in the context of corporate sustainability.
18. Delineate the role and purpose of an Ethics Committee within a business organization.
19. What is the significance of good corporate governance, and why is it considered important in the business context?
20. Identify the role of ethics in the workplace to maintain a healthy organizational culture.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

PART C. Answer any *six* questions. Each carries *four* marks.

21. State the guidelines for a company to enhance Green Governance and E-governance practices and discuss the potential benefits for the organization and its stakeholders.
22. Briefly explain two global reporting initiatives that are commonly used for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) reporting.

23. Explain the scope of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. How does this legislation address the control of environmental pollution in India?
24. Why is corporate governance important to the shareholders of a firm?
25. How has the Sarbanes-Oxley Act had a significant impact on corporate governance?
26. Explain the four core principles of corporate governance.
27. Explain the board's role in corporate governance and how does that differ from management's role?
28. Explain three statutory measures in India that contribute to the framework of corporate governance.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

Part D. Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *fifteen* marks.

29. Critically assess the challenges and ethical issues that commonly arise in accounting and finance.
30. Explain the statutory measures governing corporate governance in India, focusing on SEBI Guidelines, Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement, and provisions under the Companies Act.
31. Critically assess the effectiveness of different approaches to business ethics in promoting responsible decision-making and sustainable business practices.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)