# CHAPTER 2—STRATEGY, ORGANIZATION DESIGN, AND EFFECTIVENESS

1. When looking for strengths and weaknesses, top management is:

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<ul> <li>a. Assessing the external environment.</li> <li>b. Analyzing the competition.</li> <li>c. Evaluating the internal situation in order to define its distinctive competence.</li> <li>d. Wasting its time since it has no control over these things.</li> </ul>
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Leadership Principles
<ol> <li>The primary responsibility of top management is to:</li> <li>Perform the organization's SWOT analysis.</li> <li>Determine goals, strategy, and design, in adaptation to environment.</li> <li>Set a motivating culture for all employees.</li> <li>Formalize and centralize the firm.</li> </ol>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Leadership Principles
<ul> <li>3. The top management role in organization effectiveness involves examination of internal environment which includes:</li> <li>a. Opportunities.</li> <li>b. Weaknesses.</li> <li>c. Uncertainty.</li> <li>d. Resource availability.</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Environmental Influence
<ul> <li>4. A(n) is a desired state of affairs that the organization attempts to reach.</li> <li>a. organizational goal</li> <li>b. marching goal</li> <li>c. operative goal</li> <li>d. resource-based goal</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Creation of Value
<ul> <li>5. The leader of one religious denomination emphasizes converts to the denomination, whereas the previous leader felt converts should play a backseat role while they "paid their dues." This illustrates influence on the selection of effectiveness criteria.</li> <li>a. goal measurability</li> <li>b. top management</li> <li>c. environmental conditions</li> <li>d. that almost anything can have</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Leadership Principles 222
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<ul> <li>6. The top management role in organization effectiveness involves examination of external environment which includes:</li> <li>a. threats.</li> <li>b. mission.</li> <li>c. production technology.</li> <li>d. strengths.</li> </ul>			
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Environmental Influence			
<ul> <li>7. The top management role in organization effectiveness involves examination of internal situation which includes:</li> <li>a. opportunities</li> <li>b. threats</li> <li>c. governmental resource accessibility</li> <li>d. leader style</li> </ul>			
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Leadership Principles			
<ul> <li>8. The most common occurrence in setting goals and selecting a strategy is that:</li> <li>a. The environment is ignored to select the ideal mission.</li> <li>b. Goals are set so high that they can rarely be attained.</li> <li>c. New goals and strategies are selected on the basis of environmental needs and the organization is redesigned accordingly.</li> <li>d. Environment and current structure and goals are considered simultaneously.</li> </ul>			
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul> <li>9. The choices top managers make about goals, strategies, and organizational design have a tremendous impact on organizational:</li> <li>a. profitability.</li> <li>b. efficiency.</li> <li>c. effectiveness.</li> <li>d. market share.</li> </ul>			
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul><li>10. Mission is the same thing as:</li><li>a. Operative goals.</li><li>b. Decision guidelines.</li><li>c. Official goals.</li><li>d. Performance standards.</li></ul>			
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 60 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Motivation Concepts			

<ul> <li>11 means that all the organization's energies and resources are directed toward a focused, unifying, and compelling overall goal.</li> <li>a. Strategic intent</li> <li>b. Resource-based approach</li> <li>c. Emergent goals</li> <li>d. Stakeholder approach</li> </ul>			
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 60 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul> <li>12. Which of the following describes the organization's shared values and beliefs and its reason for being?</li> <li>a. Strategic intent</li> <li>b. Mission</li> <li>c. Official goals</li> <li>d. Organizational goals</li> </ul>			
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 60 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul> <li>13 refers to what sets the organization apart from others and provides it with a distinctive edge for meeting customer or client needs in the marketplace.</li> <li>a. Organizational goals</li> <li>b. Strategic intent</li> <li>c. Mission</li> <li>d. Competitive advantage</li> </ul>			
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 61 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul> <li>14. A company's is something the organization does especially well in comparison to its competitors.</li> <li>a. operative goal</li> <li>b. organizational goal</li> <li>c. core competence</li> <li>d. balanced scorecard</li> </ul>			
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 62 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Creation of Value			
15. The goal of Short Stop Markets to capture 25% of the convenience market business in Arizona is an example of a(n) goal.  a. official b. operative c. generic d. legitimacy			
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 62 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			

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16. Which of the following pertain to the acquisition of needed material and financial resources

from the environment?

b. Pro	esource goals rofitability larket goals roductivity goals
	A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 63 AACSB Analytic   Environmental Influence
<ul><li>a. Ef</li><li>b. Pro</li><li>c. In</li></ul>	Thich of the following reflects the overall performance of profit organizations?  Ifficiency reflects the overall performance of profit organizations?  Ifficiency reflects the overall performance of profit organizations?  Ifficiency reflects the overall performance of profit organizations?
	B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 63 AACSB Reflective Thinking   Creation of Value
a. Mab. Into	pertains to the training, promotion, safety, and growth of employees.  [arket share inovation reductivity of the industry imployee development]
ANS: NAT:	D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 63 AACSB Analytic   Ethical Responsibilities
environa. Mab. Proc. In	pertain to internal flexibility and readiness to adapt to unexpected changes in the onment.  [arket goals refitability goals movation goals reductivity goals
ANS: NAT:	C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 64 AACSB Analytic   Environmental Influence
a. op b. inr	uccessful organizations use a carefully balanced set of goals. perative novation sionary eneric
ANS: NAT:	A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 64 AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy

21. Official goals provide \_\_\_\_\_, while operative goals and strategies provide \_\_\_\_\_.
a. measurable objectives, legitimacy

entitles, end, uner Besien, and Enternies		
<ul><li>b. legitimacy, employee direction</li><li>c. employee direction, decision guidelines</li><li>d. decision guidelines, legitimacy</li></ul>		
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 64 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy		
<ul> <li>22. Models for formulating organizational strategies include:</li> <li>a. Perrow's typology and Porter's model.</li> <li>b. Daft's model and Pfeiffer's typology.</li> <li>c. Porter's model and Miles and Snow's typology.</li> <li>d. Bowerman's typology and Miles and Snow's model.</li> </ul>		
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy		
<ul> <li>23. A plan for interacting with the competitive environment to achieve organizational goals is referred to as:</li> <li>a. strategy.</li> <li>b. design.</li> <li>c. culture.</li> <li>d. structure.</li> </ul>		
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy		
<ul> <li>24. Which of the following is NOT one of Porter's five forces?</li> <li>a. Threat of new entrants</li> <li>b. Power of employees</li> <li>c. Power of suppliers</li> <li>d. Threat of substitutes</li> </ul>		
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy		
<ul> <li>25. The differentiation strategy:</li> <li>a. Was developed by Frederic Taylor.</li> <li>b. Was popularized by Henri Fayol.</li> <li>c. Is one of Michael Porter's competitive strategies.</li> <li>d. Is K. D. Bowerman's "Strategy for Empowerment."</li> </ul>		
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy		

- 26. A \_\_\_\_\_ strategy can reduce rivalry with competitors and fight off the threat of substitute products because customers are loyal to the company's brand.
- a. low-cost leadership
- b. focused

c. d.	defensive differentiation			
		PTS: 1 ctive Thinking   Strat		pg. 68
<ul> <li>27. Which of the following is true about Porter's competitive strategies:</li> <li>a. Differentiation strategies address whether the market scope is broad or narrow.</li> <li>b. Differentiation can be broken down into low cost or broad scope categories.</li> <li>c. An airline using the differentiation strategy would be likely to offer travelers refreshments at a reasonable price, rather than serve bounteous meals.</li> <li>d. Apple, Inc. is a company that has benefited from a differentiation strategy and never tried to compete on price because it likes being perceived as an "elite" brand.</li> </ul>				
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pos a. b. c.	_	competitive advantag hip leadership	-	which strategy should a company pursue if it narrow competitive scope?
	S: C T: AACSB Analy	PTS: 1 vtic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 68
of: a. b. c.	The slogan, "We'n Low-cost leadersh Differentiation. Focus. Legitimacy.		s! When	we save, you save!" exemplifies the strategy
	S: A T: AACSB Analy	PTS: 1 vtic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 69
30. A(n) strategy is concerned primarily with stability rather than taking risks or seeking new opportunities for innovation and growth.  a. focused b. low-cost leadership c. differentiation d. intensive				
		PTS: 1 ctive Thinking   Strat		pg. 69
31. a.	The focus strategy. Is known for its co	y: reative flair, with thin	nking "o	out of the box."

Involves detailed control reports for targeting areas of emphasis.

Utilizes strong central authority.

d. Concentrates on a specific regional market or buyer group.
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>32. In Miles and Snows's Strategy Typology, the prospector:</li> <li>a. Attempts to maintain a stable business environment by finding a middle ground between stability and innovation.</li> <li>b. Most closely resembles Porter's Low-Cost Leadership strategy.</li> <li>c. Responds to environmental threats in an ad hoc fashion without revealing a clear strategy.</li> <li>d. Seeks innovation or risk taking and is therefore best suited to the dynamic environment.</li> </ul>
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>33. Miles and Snow's Strategy Typology is based on the notion that:</li> <li>a. Strategy should correspond to technology.</li> <li>b. Strategy should be congruent with external environment.</li> <li>c. Strategy should be based on human resource capability.</li> <li>d. Strategy should be a "fit" to economic resource base.</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Environmental Influence
<ul> <li>34. Which of the following from Miles and Snow's Strategy Typology best matches with strong capability in research, a decentralized structure, and an emphasis on flexibility:</li> <li>a. Reactor.</li> <li>b. Low-cost leadership.</li> <li>c. Prospector.</li> <li>d. Analyzer.</li> </ul>
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>35. The strategy is concerned with stability or retrenchment.</li> <li>a. defender</li> <li>b. prospector</li> <li>c. differentiation</li> <li>d. low-cost leadership</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>36. The strategy tries to maintain a stable business while innovating on the periphery.</li> <li>a. reactor</li> <li>b. prospector</li> <li>c. analyzer</li> </ul>

d. defender

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ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 71 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy
<ul> <li>37. Organization needs to support the firm's competitive approach.</li> <li>a. financial standings</li> <li>b. design characteristics</li> <li>c. informal communication channel</li> <li>d. environment for green movement</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 72 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy
38. The extent to which goals are obtained is a traditional definition of the degree of in the organization.  a. efficiency b. scientific management c. strategy d. effectiveness
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy
<ul> <li>39. Which of the following is true regarding the goal approach:</li> <li>a. Full assessment of effectiveness should consider several goals simultaneously because high achievement on one goal may mean low achievement on another.</li> <li>b. Priority setting requires that only one goal at a time can be achieved.</li> <li>c. There is no place for subjective assessment of goal achievement in organizations today.</li> <li>d. The most common goal stated by U.S. corporations today deals with management development.</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>40. Which approach measures progress toward attainment of those goals?</li> <li>a. The open systems approach</li> <li>b. The goal approach</li> <li>c. The internal process approach</li> <li>d. The human relations approach</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75-76 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy

- 41. The \_\_\_\_ approach to organizational effectiveness is concerned with the output side and whether the organization achieves its goals in terms of desired levels of output.
- a. goal
- b. resource-based
- c. analytical
- d. internal process

ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 76 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>42. When using the goal approach to effectiveness, it is best to use goals.</li> <li>a. operational</li> <li>b. official</li> <li>c. low-level</li> <li>d. non-measurable</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 76 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Operations Management
<ul> <li>43. The resource-based approach emphasizes the:</li> <li>a. Input into an organization.</li> <li>b. Output of an organization.</li> <li>c. Achievement of profitability.</li> <li>d. Amount of inventory left idle by the organization.</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 76 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Operations Management
44. Two comparably sized colleges are located in adjacent towns. The admissions counselors of College A have been telling prospective students that College A is better than College B because their latest freshman class has 150 more students than the freshman class at College B. The admissions counselors of College A are using the effectiveness approach.  a. resource-based b. goal c. internal process d. competing values
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 76-77 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy
<ul> <li>45. One strength of the internal process approach is the fact that it:</li> <li>a. Tells management how well the internal processes mesh with the external environment.</li> <li>b. Considers human resources and employee-oriented processes.</li> <li>c. Emphasizes inputs into the organization.</li> <li>d. Emphasizes outputs of the organization.</li> </ul>
ANS: B PTS: 1 REF: pg. 77 NAT: AACSB Analytic   HRM
<ul> <li>46. If one is measuring work climate, group loyalty, and worker-management communication as a measure of effectiveness, what approach is most likely being used:</li> <li>a. Internal process.</li> <li>b. Strategic human resources.</li> <li>c. Quality control.</li> <li>d. Stakeholder approach.</li> </ul>
ANS: A PTS: 1 REF: pg. 77

NAT: AACSB Communication   Strategy			
<ul> <li>47. The combines several indicators of effectiveness into a single framework, balancing traditional financial measures with operational measures relating to a company's critical success factors.</li> <li>a. internal process approach</li> <li>b. resource-based approach</li> <li>c. goal approach</li> <li>d. balanced scorecard</li> </ul>			
ANS: D PTS: 1 REF: pg. 77 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
<ul> <li>48 measure such things as how customers view the organization, as well as customer retention and satisfaction.</li> <li>a. Business process indicators</li> <li>b. Financial indicators</li> <li>c. Customer service indicators</li> <li>d. Learning and growth indicators</li> </ul>			
ANS: C PTS: 1 REF: pg. 78 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
TRUE/FALSE			
1. The primary responsibility of top management is to determine an organization's goals, strategy, and design, therein adapting the organization to a changing environment.			
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Environmental Influence			
2. Organization direction is the administration and execution of the strategic plan.			
ANS: F PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
3. Before the mission is defined and goals are set, top management should assess its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.			
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy			
4. Experienced managers will interpret the environment similarly and therefore end up with similar strategic goals, thus causing a cooperative situation to occur.			
ANS: F PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Environmental Influence			
5. Goals and strategies are usually fixed and remain unchanged once top management agrees			

upon them.

ANS: F PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 60		
6. Strategic intent means that all the organiza focused, unifying, and compelling overall goal	ation's energies and resources are directed toward a al.		
ANS: T PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 60		
7. Core competence refers to what sets the or distinctive edge for meeting customer or client	rganization apart from others and provides it with a nt needs in the marketplace.		
ANS: F PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 61		
8. A company's core competence is somethin comparison to its competitors.	ng the organization does especially well in		
ANS: T PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Creation of Value	REF: pg. 62		
9. Organizational mission and operational go	pals are the same thing.		
ANS: F PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking   Strategy	REF: pg. 62 y		
10. Operative goals refer to the formally stated definition of business scope and outcomes the organization is trying to achieve.			
ANS: F PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 62		
11. Growth and output volume are examples of overall performance goals.			
ANS: T PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Creation of Value	REF: pg. 63		
12. A productivity goal could be stated in terms of "cost for a unit of production," "units produced per employee," or "resource cost per employee."			
ANS: T PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 64		
13. Innovation and change goals are decreasingly important, even though they initially cause a large increase in profits.			
ANS: F PTS: 1 F NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy	REF: pg. 64		
14. Official goals address issues pertaining to corporate legitimacy.			

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ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 64 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
15. A strategy is a plan for achievement of organizational goals.				
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
16. Organizations using the differentiation strategy try to distinguish their products or services from others in the industry.				
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
17. Differentiation is the strategy that is specifically designed to innovate, take risks, and above all, grow in its dynamic environment.				
ANS: F PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
18. In finding its competitive edge within Porters' five forces, Porter suggests that a company can adopt one of three strategies: differentiation, low-cost leadership, or focus.				
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
19. The low-cost leadership strategy is known for requiring skills based on strong marketing ability, creative flair, strong capability in basic research, and corporate reputation for technological leadership.				
ANS: F PTS: 1 REF: pg. 69 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
20. A defender strategy is concerned with internal efficiency and control to produce reliable, high-quality products for steady customers.				
ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
21. With the low-cost strategy, the organization concentrates on a specific regional market or buyer group.				
ANS: F PTS: 1 REF: pg. 70 NAT: AACSB Analytic   Strategy				
22. The reactor strategy is a strategy because it responds to environmental threats and opportunities in a strategic fashion.				

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23. A differentiation strategy calls for a learning approach, whereas a low-cost strategy should be paired with an efficiency approach.					
ANS: T NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 72		
24. Organizational goals represent the reason for an organization's existence and the outcomes it seeks to achieve.					
ANS: T NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 74		
25. If an organization has well-developed goals for profitability, that is all they need for determination of their effectiveness.					
ANS: F NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 75		
26. One would expect the effectiveness criteria of a football team to be affected by goal measurability.					
ANS: T NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 75		
27. The internal process approach looks at the input side of the transformation process.					
ANS: F NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 76		
28. The internal process approach to effectiveness utilizes both cultural and economic measures.					
ANS: T NAT: AACSB Dive	PTS: 1 ersity   Strategy	REF:	pg. 77		
29. The resource-based approach combines several indicators of effectiveness into a single framework, balancing traditional financial measures with operational measures relating to a company's critical success factors.					
ANS: F NAT: AACSB Ana	PTS: 1 lytic   Strategy	REF:	pg. 77		
30. Business process indicators measure such things as how customers view the organization, as well as customer retention and satisfaction.					
ANS: F	PTS: 1	REF:	pg. 78		

NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

31. The balanced scorecard helps managers assess the organization from many perspectives so they have a better understanding of total effectiveness.

ANS: T PTS: 1 REF: pg. 79

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#### **ESSAY**

1. You have just been hired by a large organization to serve as a first line supervisor, but because you are in an influential department, you have the opportunity to meet the top managers at a company party and to dialogue with the CEO on his responsibilities. Knowing the responsibilities and types of decisions made by top management as we studied them in organization theory, what would you discuss about the organization with the CEO?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 58-60 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Leadership Principles

2. Explain the role of top management and why it is important.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 59 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Leadership Principles

3. Explain strategic intent and the purpose of a mission in an organization.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 60 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

4. Name a company that you can imagine creating. List five operative goals that would be reasonable for your company to pursue.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 62 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

5. Contrast these types of organizational goals and give an example of each: official goals and operative goals.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 64 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

6. What is the difference between a goal and a strategy? Give an illustration of each.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

7. Apply Porter's model for formulating strategies to the following situation: Quebecor Printing is a Canadian-based commercial printing company that is expanding, acquiring ailing printing companies, and moving into international markets. They have completed more than 100 mergers and buyouts since 1972, and have focused on customized service by using "selective binding" to print, for example, two dozen versions of Reader's Digest for urban and regional markets. [Hint: Use the example given to explain the aspect of Porter's model that you choose to illustrate.]

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65-70 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

8. List and describe Porter's Competitive Strategies. Draw these strategies in the strategy matrix.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 65 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

9. What is the difference between a differentiation and a focus strategy?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 67 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

10. Compare and contrast Miles and Snow's theoretical approach against Porter's theoretical approach.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 73 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

11. In an introductory management course, the professor was quoted as saying that "organizational effectiveness is simply the degree to which the organization achieves its pre-set goals." Is she correct?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 74 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

12. What is the specific overlap between effectiveness and efficiency?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75

NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Operations Management

13. You are talking at a social event with a top manager of another company, other than where you work, about their effectiveness. She says flippantly, "Effectiveness is not an issue for me, because effectiveness is however I define it." Evaluate her claim.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75

NAT: AACSB Analytic | Operations Management

14. When would you recommend that the resource-based approach be used to gauge organizational effectiveness?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

15. Based on the following description, place the strategy of Granite Rock Company into a theoretical context and explain its approach in "textbook terms." We know that Granite Rock tracks its actual operations in at least 40 measurable ways, each plotted and posted on graphs and charts at every plant. They survey customers to rate themselves and competitors, and aim to outperform the group average by 33%. When they don't achieve their goal, they chart the actual daily operations, and are assured that their employees will see a negative and want to do something about it.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75-76 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

16. Describe the internal process effectiveness measure of economic efficiency.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 77

NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Operations Management

17. Define and describe each of the contingency effectiveness approaches.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 75-77 NAT: AACSB Reflective Thinking | Strategy

18. The new general manager of a (Broadway style) theater in San Francisco wants to assess the theater's effectiveness as an organization. Although the theater has grown because of its stylish productions, management from a business perspective has been relatively absent. Based on our study in organization theory, how should this assessment of effectiveness be approached?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 74-79 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

19. Assume that a non-profit organization is very successful at obtaining grants to support its activities. On the other hand, it is felt among employees that a hostile work environment (one type of sexual harassment) exists. You have heard that recipients of the organization's services run the range of satisfaction with services provided. If you came in as an outside evaluator to this situation, describe and defend the method would you use for assessing effectiveness.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 74-79 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

20. Assume that in an area university, some people feel that athletics is overly emphasized, and other feel that it is under emphasized. How would you go about measuring the effectiveness of that university relative to its athletics program? Explain.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 74-79 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

21. Some organizations do not formally set goals. How should their effectiveness be measured?

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 76-79 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy

22. Explain the balanced scorecard approach to effectiveness and its four effectiveness categories.

PTS: 1 REF: pg. 77-79 NAT: AACSB Analytic | Strategy