The Leadership Experience

1. The contingency approach to leadership sought to identify the traits leaders possessed that distinguished them from people who were not leaders.

**a. True**

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False

The Great Man approach sought to identify the traits leaders possessed that distinguished them from people who were not leaders. Research early in the twentieth century examined leaders who had achieved a level of greatuess and hence became known as the Great Man approach.

2. A few traits typically considered highly important for leadership are optimism, self-confidence, honesty and integrity, and drive.

**a. True**

b. False

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True

Many researchers still contend that some traits are essential to effective leadership, but only in combination with other factors. A few traits typically considered highly important for leadership are optimism, self-confidence, honesty and integrity, and drive.

3. Leaders at all levels need some degree of optimism to see possibilities and rally people around a vision for a better tomorrow.

**a. True**

b. False

*ANSWER:*

True

Leaders at all levels need some degree of optimism to see possibilities even through the thickest fog and rally people around a vision for a better tomorrow. Optimism refers to

a tendency to see the positive side of things and expect that things will tum out well.

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4. Self-confidence doesn't mean being arrogant and prideful but rather knowing and trusting in oneself.

**a. True**

b. False

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True

Leaders who know themselves develop self-confidence, which is general assurance in one's own judgments, decision making, ideas, and capabilities. Selfconfidence doesn't mean being arrogant and prideful but rather knowing and trusting in oneself.

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5. The myth of a "complete leader" can cause stress and frustration for leaders and followers, as well as damage to the organization.

**a. True**

b. False

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True

Some people tend to think a leader should have a complete set of skills, characteristics, and abilities to handle any problem, challenge, or opportunity that comes along. This myth of the "complete leader" can cause stress and frustration for leaders and followers, as well as damage to the organization.

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6. Talent arises from a strength that has been supported and reinforced with knowledge and skills.

**a. True**

b. False

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False

A strength arises from a natural talent that has been supported and reinforced with knowledge and skills. Talents can be thought of as innate traits and naturally recurring patterns of thought, feeling, and behavior.

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7. People excel in life by fixing their weaknesses, not by maximizing their strengths.

**a. True**

b. False

Answer False

People excel in life by maximizing their strengths, not by fixing their weaknesses. When they live and work from their strengths, they are more motivated, competent, and satisfied.

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8. In the operational leadership role, an executive does not have direct control over people and resources to accomplish results.

**a. True**

b. False

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False

The operational role, a type of leadership role, is the closest to a traditional, vertically oriented management role, where an executive has direct control over people and resources to accomplish results.

9. With respect to the three types ofleadership roles, leaders in collaborative roles typically don't have the strong position power of the operational role.

**a. True**

b. False

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True

Leaders in collaborative roles typically don't have the strong position power of the operational role. They often work behind the scenes, using their personal power to influence others and get things done.

10. Leaders in an advisory role are responsible for developing broad organizational capabilities rather than accomplishing specific business results.

**a. True**

b. False

*ANSWER:*

True

Leaders in an advisory role provide guidance and support to other people and departments in the organization. These leaders are responsible for developing broad organizational capabilities rather than accomplishing specific business results.

11. A democratic leader is one who tends to centralize authority and derive power from position.

**a. True**

b. False

Answer False

*POINTS:*

An autocratic leader is one who tends to centralize authority and derive power from position, control of rewards, and coercion.

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12. Consideration describes the extent to which a leader cares about subordinates, respects their ideas and feelings, and establishes mutual trust.

**a. True**

b. False

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

True

Consideration describes the extent to which a leader cares about subordinates, respects their ideas and feelings, and establishes mutual trust. Showing appreciation, listening carefully to problems, and seeking input from subordinates regarding important

decisions are all examples of consideration behaviors.

13. Task-oriented leadership behaviors include giving time and encouragement.

**a. True**

b. False

*ANSWER:*

False

Refer to Exhibit 2.5. People-oriented leadership behaviors include giving time and encouragement, acknowledging accomplishments, respecting people, being positive, showing acceptance and compassion, and displaying trust.

14. The first stage of research in the area of individualized leadership explored whether leaders could intentionally develop partnerships with each group member.

**a. True**

b. False

*ANSWER:*

False

The third stage of research on individualized leadership explored whether leaders could intentionally develop partnerships with each group member.

15. Entrepreneurial leaders are more concerned with maintaining the status quo than with innovation and creativity.

**a. True**

b. False

Answer False

Entrepreneurial leaders are drawn to new opportunities and are more concerned with innovation, creativity, and creating new processes than with maintaining the status quo.

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16. In the context of the trait approach to leadership, the diversity of traits that effective leaders possess indicates that:

a. leadership includes grasping diverse points of view and leaving everybody satisfied. b. leadership ability is not a genetic endowment.

c. leadership ability cannot be acquired without a complete set of skills.

d. leadership includes being prideful and arrogant.

*ANSWER:*

b

According to the trait approach to leadership, the diversity of traits that effective leaders possess indicates that leadership ability is not a genetic endowment. Generally, research found only a weak relationship between personal traits and leader success.

17. According to the trait approach to leadership, which of the following is categorized as a social characteristic of leaders?

a. Optimism

b. Knowledge

c. Cooperativeness d. Humility

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

c

Exhibit 2.1 presents some of the traits and their respective categories that have been identified through trait research over the years. Social characteristics include sociability, interpersonal skills, cooperativeness, ability to enlist cooperation, tact, and diplomacy.

18. refers to a tendency to see the positive side of things and expect that things will tum out well.

a. Integrity b. Honesty c. Drive

d. Optimism

*ANSWER:*

d

Optimism refers to a tendency to see the positive side of things and expect that things will tum out well. Numerous surveys indicate that optimism is the single characteristic most common to top executives.

19. Which of the following statements is true of self-confidence?

a. It includes being arrogant and prideful.

b. It causes one to become jaded and pessimistic. c. It involves managing competing points of view.

d. It includes knowing and trusting in oneself.

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

d

Leaders who know themselves develop self-confidence, which is general assurance in one's own judgments, decision making, ideas, and capabilities. Self-confidence doesn't mean being arrogant and prideful but rather knowing and trusting in oneself.

20. People in organizations rise to the top because they:

a. refrain from creating hopes that things will tum out well. b. have the ability to identity problems.

c. can instill in others a sense of hope for the future.

d. are always cautious when interpreting situations.

*ANSWER:*

c

People in organization rise to the top because they have the ability to see opportunities where others see problems and can instill in others a sense of hope for the future. Numerous surveys indicate that optimism is the single characteristic most common to top executives.

21. Which of the following is an important aspect that should be kept in mind by active leaders?

a. Uniform thinking should be encouraged among employees.

b. Decision making should be avoided if adequate information is not available. c. Setbacks have to be managed with a pessimistic mindset.

d. Competing points of view have to be managed, with some people left unsatisfied.

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

d

Leaders initiate change, and they often must make decisions without adequate information. Competing points of view have to be managed, with some people left unsatisfied.

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22. Which of the following statements is true of drive?

a. Leaders with drive tend to be less ambitious.

b. Leaders with drive seek achievement and have energy. c. Drive refers to truthfulness and nondeception.

d. Drive is the foundation of trust between leaders and followers.

*ANSWER:*

b

Drive refers to high motivation that creates a high effort level by a leader. Leaders with drive seek achievement, have energy and tenacity, and are frequently perceived as ambitious.

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23. Which of the following statements is true of honesty?

a. It refers to high motivation that creates a high effort level by a leader. b. It implies an openness that followers welcome.

c. It helps leaders interpret situations in more conservative ways.

d. It includes a complete set of skills and characteristics to handle any problem.

*ANSWER:*

b

Honesty refers to truthfulness and nondeception. It implies an openness that followers welcome.

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24. Which of the following statements is true of talents?

a. Talents include having a complete set of skills and abilities to handle any problem. b. Talents can be turned into strengths by consciously enhancing them.

c. Talents are not mere aspects of one's potential.

d. Talents arise from natural strengths.

*ANSWER:*

b

Talents can be thought of as innate traits and naturally recurring patterns of thought, feeling, and behavior. Once recognized, talents can be turned into strengths by consciously developing and enhancing them with learning and practice.

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25. Which of the following is a characteristic of operational leaders?

a. They don't have the strong position power of the collaborative role.

b. They provide gnidance and support to other people and departments in the organization. c. They need high self-confidence and tend to be assertive.

d. They are responsible for developing broad organizational capabilities.

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c

Operational leaders are doggedly focused on delivering results. They need high self­

confidence and tend to be assertive, always pushing forward and raising the bar.

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26. Which of the following is a characteristic of advisory leaders?

a. They possess the ability to influence others through communication, knowledge, and personal persuasion.

b. They are responsible for accomplishing specific business results rather than developing broad organizational capabilities.

c. They lack exceptionally high level of integrity and honesty.

d. They typically do not have the strong position power of the collaborative role.

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Leaders in an advisory role provide gnidance and support to other people and departments in the organization. Advisory leaders need great people skills and the ability to influence others through communication, knowledge, and personal persuasion.

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27. Which of the following is an example of consideration behavior of leaders?

a. Directing tasks and planning

b. Providing explicit schedules for work activities

c. Seeking input from subordinates regarding important decisions d. Getting people to work hard and ruling with an iron hand

*ANSWER:*

c

Consideration, a category of leader behavior, describes the extent to which a leader cares about subordinates, respects their ideas and feelings, and establishes mutual trust. Showing appreciation, listening carefully to problems, and seeking input from subordinates regarding important decisions are all examples of consideration behaviors.

28. Which of the following is an example of initiating structure behavior ofleaders?

a. Showing appreciation b. Directing tasks

c. Seeking input from subordinates

d. Listening carefully to problems

*ANSWER:*

b

Initiating structure, a category ofleader behavior, describes the extent to which a leader is task oriented and directs subordinates' work activities toward goal achievement. This type of leader behavior includes directing tasks, getting people to work hard, planning, providing explicit schedules for work activities, and ruling with an iron hand.

29. Leader support and are the two underlying dimensions of employee-centered leadership behavior. a. goal emphasis

b. efficiency achievement c. interaction facilitation

d. work facilitation

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

c

Employee-centered leaders display a focus on the human needs of their subordinates. Leader support and interaction facilitation are the two underlying dimensions of employee-centered behavior.

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30. Which of the following is an underlying dimension of job-centered leadership behavior?

a. Leader support

b. Interaction facilitation c. Conflict minimization d. Goal emphasis

*ANSWER:*

d

The job-centered leader directs activities toward scheduling, accomplishing tasks, and achieving efficiency. Goal emphasis and work facilitation are dimensions of this leadership behavior.

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31. According to the Leadership Grid, occurs when primary emphasis is given to people rather than towak ou1puts.

a. team management

b. authority-compliance management c. middle-of-the-road management

d. country club management

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

d

Blake and Mouton of the University of Texas proposed a two-dimensional leadership theory called the Leadership Grid that builds on the work of the Ohio State and Michigan studies. Country club management occurs when primary emphasis is given to people rather than to work outputs.

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32. Which of the following is an example of people-oriented leader behavior?

a. Planning use of resources

b. Setting performance expectations c. Evaluating performance

d. Displaying trust

*ANSWER:*

d

Refer to Exhibit 2.5. Leaders with people orientation tend to display trust, show acceptance and compassion, acknowledge compliments, respect people, be positive, and give time and encouragement.

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33. Which of the following is an example of task-oriented leader behavior?

a. Giving time and encouragement

b. Showing acceptance and compassion c. Acknowledging accomplishments

d. Checking the progress and quality of work

*ANSWER:*

d

Refer to Exhibit 2.5. Task-oriented leader behaviors include checking progress and quality of work, clarifying task objectives and job responsibilities, setting performance expectations, planning use of resources, coordinating activities, and evaluating performance.

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34. Which of the following statements is true of individualized leadership?

a. It adopts a general leadership style that is used with all group members.

b. It looks at the specific relationship between a leader and each individual follower. c. It holds that leaders have particular traits that distinguish them from non-leaders.

d. It conceptualizes leadership as a single great individual who put everything together and influence others to follow along.

*ANSWER:*

b

Individualized leadership, a more recent approach to leadership behavior research, looks at the specific relationship between a leader and each individual follower. In this view, leadership is a series of dyads, or a series of two- person interactions.

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35. Which of the following characteristics was explored by the studies evaluating the characteristics of the leader­

member exchange relationship?

a. Income

b. Educational qualification c. Value agreement

d. Recruitment process

*ANSWER:*

c

Studies evaluating characteristics of the leader-member exchange relationship explored such things as communication frequency, value agreement, characteristics of followers, job satisfaction, performance, job climate, and commitment.

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36. Which of the following statements is true of individualized leadership?

a. It holds that leadership is a series of dyads or a series of two-person interactions.

b. It assumes that a leader adopts a general leadership style that is used with all group members. c. It is based on the notion that leaders should not develop relationships with subordinates.

d. It is against the concept of exchange, what each party gives to and receives from the other.

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According to the individualized leadership approach, leadership is a series of dyads, or a series of two-person interactions. The dyadic view focuses on the concept of exchange, what each party gives to and receives from the other.

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37. Which of the following is a difference between leader behavior toward out-group members and in-group members?

a. Leaders assign interesting assigrunents to out-group subordinates, whereas leaders assign primarily routine jobs to in-group subordinates and monitor their work closely.

b. Leaders usually impose their views on out-group subordinates, whereas leaders sometimes defer to in-group subordinates' opinions.

c. Leaders give specific directives for how to accomplish tasks and attain goals to in-group subordinates whereas leaders trust out-group subordinates to use their own approaches in solving problems.

d. Leaders listen to suggestions and ideas given by in-group subordinates, whereas little interest is shown in comments and suggestions given by out-group subordinates.

*ANSWER:*

d

Refer to Exhibit 2.7. According to the vertical dyad linkage model of individualized leadership, leaders listen to in-group subordinates' suggestions and ideas about how work is done, whereas leaders show little interest in out-group subordinates' comments and suggestions.

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38. Stage two in the development of the individualized leadership theory explored the in more detail. a. vertical dyad linkage model

b. partnership building

c. leader-member exchange d. entrepreneurship model

*ANSWER:*

c

Stage two in the development of the individualized leadership theory explored the leader-member exchange (LMX) in more detail, discovering that the impact on outcomes depends on how the LMX process develops over time.

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39. High-quality leader-member exchange relationships:

a. lead to poor job satisfaction in the long mn.

b. have been found to lead to very positive outcomes for the organization. c. pertain to lesser responsibility and authority in the case of followers.

d. support the sharply differentiated in-group and out-group relationships.

*ANSWER:*

*POINTS:*

b

High-quality leader-member exchange (LMX) relationships have been found to lead to very positive outcomes for leaders, followers, work units, and the organization. LMX theory proposes that this higher-quality relationship will lead to higher performance and greater job satisfaction for in-group members, and research in general supports this idea.

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40. The third phase of research in the development of the individualized leadership theory:

a. evaluated characteristics of the leader-member exchange relationship by exploring communication frequency and value agreement.

b. focused on whether leaders could develop positive relationships with a large number of followers. c. argues for the importance of the dyad formed by a leader with each member of the group.

d. included the awareness of a relationship between a leader and each individual rather than between a leader and a group of followers.

*ANSWER:*

b

The third phase of research in the area of individualized leadership focused on whether leaders could develop positive relationships with a large number of followers. In this approach, the leader views each person independently and may treat each individual in a different but positive way.

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41. In the leader-member exchange research study on individualized leadership, leaders were trained to offer the opportunity for a high-quality relationship to all group members. Accorrlingto1his concepwhich of1he following is1rne of fullowers?

a. The followers were treated in a positive or a negative way depending on their individual performances. b. The boon of establishing sharply differentiated in-group and out-group relationships was established.

c. The followers who responded to the offer dramatically improved their performance.

d. The in-group subordinates got better and the out-group subordinates got worse at their work respectively.

*ANSWER:*

c

In the leader-member exchange research study, leaders were trained to offer the opportunity for a high-quality relationship to all group members, and the followers who responded to the offer dramatically improved their performance.

42. Which of the following statements is true of entrepreneurial leaders? a. They stay away from risks and are unwilling to stretch themselves. b. They refrain from taking up new opportunities.

c. They are concerned wi1hrnaintaining1hestatus quo.

d. They tend to be persistenindepen andactionoriented.

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Entrepreneurial leaders need strong drive, enthusiasm, and future vision. They tend to be persistenindependenand action oriented.

43. Which of the following is a characteristic of entrepreneurial leaders?

a. They are concerned with innovation and creativity. b. They are interested in maintaining the status quo.

c. They avoid taking risks and are unwilling to stretch themselves.

d. They tend to be dependent on their followers.

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Entrepreneurial leaders are drawn to new opportunities and are more concerned with innovation, creativity, and creating new processes than with maintaining the status quo. They are typically highly self-motivated and are willing to stretch themselves and take risks for improvement.

44. Leaders who are drawn to new opportunities, are action oriented, and are more concerned with innovation, creativity, and creating new processes than with maintaining the status quo are known as:

a. entrepreneurial leaders. b. autocratic leaders.

c. advisory leaders.

d. traditional leaders.

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a

Entrepreneurial leaders are drawn to new opportunities and are more concerned with innovation, creativity, and creating new processes than with maintaining the status quo. They are typically highly self-motivated and are willing to stretch themselves and take risks for improvement.

45. Which of the following statements is true of entrepreneurship?

a. Entrepreneurship advocates dependence as the key to effective leadership.

b. Leaders with entrepreneurial traits are dependent on others for making decisions. c. Entrepreneurship involves maintaining the status quo for established organizations.

d. Leaders with entrepreneurial traits exist within established organizations.

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d

Leaders with entrepreneurial traits exist within established organizations. These leaders take risks to create novel solutions to competitive challenges confronting a business, especially the development or enhancement of products and services.

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46. are the distinguishing personal characteristics of a leader, such as intelligence, honesty, self-confidence, and appearance.

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Traits

Traits are the distinguishing personal characteristics of a leader, such as intelligence, honesty, self-confidence, and appearance.

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47. refers to a person's strong belief that he or she can successfully accomplish a specific task or outcome.

*ANSWER:*

Self-efficacy

Self-confidence is related to self-efficacy, which refers to a person's strong belief that he or she can successfully accomplish a specific task or outcome.

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48. A arises from a natural talent that has been supported and reinforced with knowledge and skills.

*ANSWER:*

strength

A strength arises from a natural talent that has been supported and reinforced with knowledge and skills. Talents can be thought of as innate traits and naturally recurring patterns of thought, feeling, and behavior.

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49. The , a type ofleadership role, is the closest to a traditional, vertically oriented management role, where an executive has direct control over people and

resources to accomplish results.

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The operational role, a type of leadership role, is the closest to a traditional, vertically oriented management role, where an executive has direct control over people and resources to accomplish results.

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matrix managers, and team leaders intodaYs more horizontally organizedcompanies.

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collaborative role

The collaborative role, a type of leadership role, is a horizontal role and includes people such as project managers, matrix managers, and team leaders in today's more horizontally organized companies.

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51. , a category of leader behavior, describes the extent to which a leader is task oriented and directs subordinates' work activities toward goal achievement.

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Initiating structure

Initiating structure, a category ofleader behavior, describes the extent to which a leader is task oriented and directs subordinates' work activities toward goal achievement.

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52. In the context of leadership styles, human needs of their subordinates.

leaders display a focus on the

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employee-centered

In the context of leadership styles, employee-centered leaders display a focus on the human needs of their subordinates. Leader support and interaction facilitation are the two underlying dimensions of employee-centered behavior.

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53. Setting performance expectations is an example of leader behavior.

*ANSWER:*

task-oriented

Refer to Exhibit 2.5. Task-oriented leader behaviors include clarifying task objectives and job responsibilities, setting performance expectations, planning use of resources, coordinating activities, checking the progress and quality of work, and evaluating performance.

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54. The dyadic view of individualized leadership focuses on the concept of , what each party gives to and receives from the other.

*ANSWER:*

exchange

Individualized leadership provides a view wherein leadership is a series of dyads, or a series of two-person interactions. The dyadic view of leadership focuses on the concept of exchange, what each party gives to and receives from the other.

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55. refers to initiating a business venture, organizing the necessary resources, and assuming the associated risks and rewards.

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Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship refers to initiating a business venture, organizing the necessary resources, and assuming the associated risks and rewards. An entrepreneur recognizes a viable idea for a business product or service and carries it out by fmding and assembling the necessary resources-money, people, machinery, location-to undertake the business venture.

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56. Briefly describe the trait approach to leadership.

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Traits are the distinguishing personal characteristics of a leader, such as intelligence, honesty, self-confidence, and appearance. Research early in the twentieth century examined leaders who had achieved a level of greatuess and hence became known as the Great Man approach. Fundamental to this theory was the idea that some people are born with traits that make them natural leaders. The Great Man approach sought to identify the traits leaders possessed that distinguished them from people who were not leaders. Generally, research found only a weak relationship between personal traits and leader success. Indeed, the diversity of traits that effective leaders possess indicates that leadership ability is not a genetic endowment.

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57. Briefly explain the operational role ofleadership.

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The operational role, a type of leadership role, is the closest to a traditional, vertically oriented management role, where an executive has direct control over people and resources to accomplish results. Operational leaders fill traditional line and general management positions in a business, for example. They set goals, establish plans, and get things done primarily through the vertical hierarchy and the use of position power. Operational leaders are doggedly focused on delivering results. They need high self­ confidence and tend to be assertive,

always pushing forward and raising the bar. Successful operational leaders are typically analytical and knowledgeable, yet they also have the ability to translate their knowledge into a vision that others can become passionate about.

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58. Briefly describe the theories of a "high-high" leader.

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Research into the behavior approach to leadership culminated in two predominate types of leadership behaviors-people-oriented and task-oriented. The fmdings about two underlying dimensions and the possibility of leaders rated high on both dimensions raise three questions to think about. The first question is whether these two dimensions are the most important behaviors of leadership. Certainly, these two behaviors are important. They capture fundamental, underlying aspects of human behavior that must be considered for organizations to succeed. One reason why these two dimensions are compelling is that the findings are based on empirical research, which means that researchers went into the field to study real leaders across a variety of settings. The second question is whether people orientation and task orientation exist together in the same leader, and how. The grid theory argues that yes, both are present when people work with or through others to accomplish an activity. The third question concerns whether people can actually change themselves into leaders high on people-or task-orientation Although 'high-high"leadership is not1he only effective style, researchers have looked to 1his kind ofleader as a candidate for success in a wide variety of situatioos.

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59. Briefly describe the vertical dyad linkage model of individualized leadership.

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The vertical dyad linkage (VDL) model, a stage in the development of individualized leadership, argues for the importance of the dyad formed by a leader with each member of the group. Some leaders may spend a disproportionate arnountoftirnewifu certain people and1hat1hese "insiders" are often highly trusted and may obtain special privileges. In the terminology of the VDL model, these people would be considered to participate in an in-group relationship with the

leader, whereas other members of the group who did not experience a sense of trust and extra consideration would participate in an out-group relationship. By focusing on the relationship between a leader and each individual, the VDL research found great variance of leader style and impact within a group of followers.

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60. In terms of the stages of development of individualized leadership, briefly describe the leader-member exchange.

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Stage two in the development of the individualized leadership theory explored the leader-member exchange (LMX) in more detail, discovering that the impact on outcomes depends on how the LMX process develops over time. Studies evaluating characteristics of the LMX relationship explored such things as communication frequency, value agreement, characteristics of followers, job satisfaction, performance, job climate, and commitment. Leaders typically tend to establish in-group exchange relationships with individuals who have characteristics similar to those of the leader, such as similarity in background, interests, and values, and with those who demonstrate a high level of competence and interest in the job.

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61. Is the Great Man perspective on leadership still in use today?

Discuss.

62. Discuss the aspects of being an ethical leader. Discuss the existence of trust in organizations today.

63. Describe the differences between autocratic leaders and democratic leaders.