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   B. integrated communication
   C. servicing customers
   D. waiting
   E. reporting

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   B. customer relationship management system.
   C. business simulation system.
   D. NAICS control center system.
   E. situational management system.

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   B. sales channel.
   C. marketing organization.
   D. distribution channel.
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   B. Trade salespeople
   C. Runners
   D. Manufacturers' customer service representatives
   E. Retail salespeople

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   B. trade salesperson.
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A. work for retailers.
B. are an essential part of the consumer products distribution channel.
C. frequently call on people who influence a buying decision but who do not actually place the order.
D. only call on buyers.
E. are paid a commission for each sale they make.

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B. selling agent.
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A. actually take ownership of the products they sell.
B. are independent businesspeople.
C. are paid a monthly fee for their services.
D. typically call on people who may influence a sale and not those who actually place the order.
E. are accurately described by all of these

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B. Salespeople responsible for existing customers place more emphasis on selling products than on servicing and relationship building.
C. Rejection is an inevitable part of making initial contacts with potential customers.
D. To convince prospects to purchase a product they use regularly, salespeople need to be especially self-confident and aggressive.
E. none of these

45. The Frito-Lay salesperson who drives a truck to a store, checks the store's stock of Frito-Lay products, determines what the store needs and gets the manager's permission to place that stock in the store is a
A. production
B. inside
C. missionary
D. manufacturer's industry service representative
E. field

46. Salespeople who spend most of their time selling their company's products in the customer's place of business are:
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B. inside salespeople.
C. obsolete in the partnering era.
D. field salespeople.
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47. Luis works for USAA, an insurance company headquartered in San Antonio. Luis is employed in the firm's telemarketing center where he answers customers' calls to the firm's 1-800 number about buying insurance. Luis is an example of a(n):
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   B. production era salesperson.
   C. field salesperson.
   D. tangible product salesperson.
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48. Which of the following products would most likely be the hardest for a new salesperson to sell?
   A. photocopy machines
   B. horse trailers
   C. management consulting services
   D. wooden building trusses
   E. restaurant tablecloths

49. Frederica sells products to businesses which are purchased infrequently and usually involve a group making the purchase decision. Frederica sells:
   A. capital goods.
   B. MRO supplies.
   C. services.
   D. retail products.
   E. none of these

50. Betty checks her e-mail at 6 AM, returns messages and telephone calls from customers by 8 AM, meets with customers during the day and then processes sales at home in the evening. Betty displays the characteristic of successful salespeople of:
   A. always being honest with her customers.
   B. being a "self-starter".
   C. viewing her relationships with customers as a partnership.
   D. adjusting her presentations to her customers as individuals.
   E. being very perceptive.

51. A salesperson will find that he or she is called upon to use the greatest creativity when:
   A. selling to new prospects rather than present customers.
   B. selling office furniture rather than business insurance.
   C. receiving customer orders in the firm's telemarketing center rather than going to the customer's place of business.
   D. selling repairs on a company's existing photocopying machine rather than persuading the firm to buy a new copier.
   E. selling to consumers who are buying vegetables rather than a new home.

52. Opal is a salesperson for a wholesaler. There are many retailers in her territory and she says, "No two are alike. I must adjust my way of communicating to their different styles. Some are strictly business. Others like to talk about their families or sports before I discuss my company's products." Opal's approach illustrates which characteristic of a successful salesperson?
   A. ethical
   B. flexibility
   C. knowledge
   D. dependability
   E. motivation
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   B. Salespeople are able to tailor unique messages for each prospective buyer.
   C. U.S. firms have become particularly adept at hiring "born" salespeople.
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   E. Salespeople are proficient in all aspects of new product development.

54. One of the advantages of personal selling as compared to advertising is:
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55. Customers constantly consult with Kathy, Hump & Pack's sales representative, regarding installation problems, new product ideas, and other issues because she offers unique, imaginative ideas. Customers value Kathy's ____________.
   A. honesty
   B. emotional intelligence
   C. discreetness
   D. creativity
   E. behavioral intellect

56. John, the dynamic sales manager at Pulverize Construction Company, often solicits the ideas of his salespeople. John also has been known to ridicule suggestions from his staff. John is hampering the flow of ____________ in his organization.
   A. craftsmanship
   B. creativity
   C. character
   D. charisma
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57. _____ is the ability to effectively understand and use one's own emotions and the emotions of people with whom one interacts.
   A. Emotional intelligence
   B. Adaptive learning
   C. Environmental awareness
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58. When LeAnn called on a long-time customer, she realized that the man was upset and took the time to listen to his problem. She was able to sympathize with the customer's recent loss of a pet by using her:
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   B. controlling one's emotions to avoid acting impulsively
   C. controlling customer's emotions to avoid conflict
   D. recognizing customer's emotions
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   A. are associated with intellectual achievement.
   B. can be learned.
   C. are the focus of Six Sigma selling programs.
   D. create a value proposition.
   E. allow customer-centric production managers to become effective multi-channel distributors.

61. Over half of all sales positions in the United States are in ____________ sales.
   A. real estate
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   C. retail
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   A. wanted a nine-to-five job
   B. wanted to work in an office
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D. companies need to pay salespeople more commission.
E. customers are unpredictable, requiring sales organizations to adjust strategies as environmental factors alter the marketing landscape.

35. (p. 11) It's early on a Friday morning, and before she goes out to see any of her customers, Ruth checks her company's database checking to make sure deliveries scheduled for some of her customers went out earlier in the week. This activity is a component of which sales activity?
A. partnering
B. integrated communication
C. servicing customers
D. waiting
E. reporting

36. (p. 11) After making two major sales calls Jenneau spent time in her hotel room submitting information about the calls over the Internet to her company. Jenneau was providing information to her firm's:
A. distribution channel efficacy system.
B. customer relationship management system.
C. business simulation system.
D. NAICS control center system.
E. situational management system.

37. (p. 12) The set of people and organizations responsible for the flow of products and services from producer to ultimate consumer is called a firm's:
A. selling function.
B. sales channel.
C. marketing organization.
D. distribution channel.
E. sales organization.

38. (p. 12) are employees who sell to a network of distributors.
A. Distributor salespeople
B. Trade salespeople
C. Runners
D. Manufacturers' customer service representatives
E. Retail salespeople

39. (p. 12) Pacific Rim sells outdoor furniture, garden and patio accessories, baskets, floral arrangements, and pottery to retail garden nurseries. Its salespeople would be correctly called:
A. distributor salespeople.
B. trade salespeople.
C. runners.
D. manufacturers' agents.
E. retail salespeople.
40. Laura works for Seminole Textiles. In her job, she calls on upholsterers, towel and sheet manufacturers and other customers of the Seminole distributors to encourage them to use more Seminole textiles (which they would order from their distributor, not directly from Seminole.) Laura is a:
   A. distributor rep.
   B. trade salesperson.
   C. missionary salesperson.
   D. trade partner.
   E. retail salesperson.

41. Missionary salespeople:
   A. work for retailers.
   B. are an essential part of the consumer products distribution channel.
   C. frequently call on people who influence a buying decision but who do not actually place the order.
   D. only call on buyers.
   E. are paid a commission for each sale they make.

42. Manufacturers' Representatives, Inc. (MRI) is an independent company that employs sales representatives to sell products from a number of producers. MRI's sales reps sell the products to wholesalers and retailers. MRI receives a commission from the producers for the products it sells. MRI is an example of a:
   A. manufacturers' agent.
   B. selling agent.
   C. missionary sales agency.
   D. partnership selling strategy.
   E. production agent.

43. Manufacturers' agents:
   A. actually take ownership of the products they sell.
   B. are independent businesspeople.
   C. are paid a monthly fee for their services.
   D. typically call on people who may influence a sale and not those who actually place the order.
   E. are accurately described by all of these

44. Which of the following statements about salesperson relationships with customers and prospects is true?
   A. Selling to new prospects requires the same skills as selling to existing customers.
   B. Salespeople responsible for existing customers place more emphasis on selling products than on servicing and relationship building.
   C. Rejection is an inevitable part of making initial contacts with potential customers.
   D. To convince prospects to purchase a product they use regularly, salespeople need to be especially self-confident and aggressive.
   E. none of these
45. The Frito-Lay salesperson who drives a truck to a store, checks the store's stock of Frito-Lay products, determines what the store needs and gets the manager's permission to place that stock in the store is a _______ salesperson.

A. production
B. inside
C. missionary
D. manufacturer's industry service representative
E. field

46. Salespeople who spend most of their time selling their company's products in the customer's place of business are:

A. missionary salespeople.
B. inside salespeople.
C. obsolete in the partnering era.
D. field salespeople.
E. none of these

47. Luis works for USAA, an insurance company headquartered in San Antonio. Luis is employed in the firm's telemarketing center where he answers customers' calls to the firm's 1-800 number about buying insurance. Luis is an example of a(n):

A. inside salesperson.
B. production era salesperson.
C. field salesperson.
D. tangible product salesperson.
E. missionary salesperson.

48. Which of the following products would most likely be the hardest for a new salesperson to sell?

A. photocopy machines
B. horse trailers
C. management consulting services
D. wooden building trusses
E. restaurant tablecloths

49. Frederica sells products to businesses which are purchased infrequently and usually involve a group making the purchase decision. Frederica sells:

A. capital goods.
B. MRO supplies.
C. services.
D. retail products.
E. none of these

50. Betty checks her e-mail at 6 AM, returns messages and telephone calls from customers by 8 AM, meets with customers during the day and then processes sales at home in the evening. Betty displays the characteristic of successful salespeople of:

A. always being honest with her customers.
B. being a "self-starter".
C. viewing her relationships with customers as a partnership.
D. adjusting her presentations to her customers as individuals.
E. being very perceptive.
51. A salesperson will find that he or she is called upon to use the greatest creativity when:
A. selling to new prospects rather than present customers.
B. selling office furniture rather than business insurance.
C. receiving customer orders in the firm's telemarketing center rather than going to the customer's place of business.
D. selling repairs on a company's existing photocopying machine rather than persuading the firm to buy a new copier.
E. selling to consumers who are buying vegetables rather than a new home.

52. Opal is a salesperson for a wholesaler. There are many retailers in her territory and she says, "No two are alike. I must adjust my way of communicating to their different styles. Some are strictly business. Others like to talk about their families or sports before I discuss my company's products." Opal's approach illustrates which characteristic of a successful salesperson?
A. ethical
B. flexibility
C. knowledge
D. dependability
E. motivation

53. Why does personal selling work better than other communications options available to firms selling in the business-to-business market?
A. Personal selling employs more people in the U.S. than advertising.
B. Salespeople are able to tailor unique messages for each prospective buyer.
C. U.S. firms have become particularly adept at hiring "born" salespeople.
D. Personal selling is the most expensive form of promotion.
E. Salespeople are proficient in all aspects of new product development.

54. One of the advantages of personal selling as compared to advertising is:
A. salespeople can be so closely supervised.
B. salespeople can become very persuasive since they give an identical sales presentation to so many different people.
C. salespeople can rely on puffery.
D. salespeople can change their message if they find their customers are losing interest.
E. salespeople are accurately described by all of these

55. Customers constantly consult with Kathy, Hump & Pack's sales representative, regarding installation problems, new product ideas, and other issues because she offers unique, imaginative ideas. Customers value Kathy's ____________.
A. honesty
B. emotional intelligence
C. discreetness
D. creativity
E. behavioral intellect
56. John, the dynamic sales manager at Pulverize Construction Company, often solicits the ideas of his salespeople. John also has been known to ridicule suggestions from his staff. John is hampering the flow of ____________ in his organization.

A. craftsmanship
B. creativity
C. character
D. charisma
E. charm

57. _____ is the ability to effectively understand and use one's own emotions and the emotions of people with whom one interacts.

A. Emotional intelligence
B. Adaptive learning
C. Environmental awareness
D. Generative learning
E. Behavioral intelligence

58. When LeAnn called on a long-time customer, she realized that the man was upset and took the time to listen to his problem. She was able to sympathize with the customer's recent loss of a pet by using her:

A. emotional intelligence.
B. adaptive learning.
C. environmental awareness.
D. generative learning.
E. behavioral intelligence.

59. Which of the following is NOT one of the aspects of emotional intelligence?

A. knowing one's own feelings and emotions as they are experienced
B. controlling one's emotions to avoid acting impulsively
C. controlling customer's emotions to avoid conflict
D. recognizing customer's emotions
E. using one's emotions to interact effectively with customers

60. The skills required to be a successful salesperson:

A. are associated with intellectual achievement.
B. can be learned.
C. are the focus of Six Sigma selling programs.
D. create a value proposition.
E. allow customer-centric production managers to become effective multi-channel distributors.

61. Over half of all sales positions in the United States are in ______________ sales.

A. real estate
B. insurance
C. retail
D. securities
E. manufacturer's rep
62. A person who _____ would probably find a career in sales attractive.
A. wanted a nine-to-five job
B. wanted to work in an office
C. was not motivated by financial rewards
D. liked independence and was willing to take responsibility
E. did not like to take responsibility

63. Salespeople are like entrepreneurs because:
A. they do not have to invest in themselves.
B. integrated marketing communications eliminates investment risk.
C. manufacturers trust salespeople to be corporate-centric.
D. of the unusual freedom and flexibility in doing their jobs.

64. The partnering landscape refers to understanding of the:
A. knowledge and skills of selling.
B. nature, role, and rewards of selling.
C. the development process of selling.
D. formal negotiating techniques in selling.
E. sales manager's role in selling.

65. How is being customer-centric different from the stereotype image of salespeople?
Customer-centric means making the customer the center of everything the selling firm does. The stereotypical image of salespeople is one of fast-talking, non-listening, pushy people whose major concern is getting the sale.

66. Chapter 1 includes a cartoon showing a salesman selling refrigerators to Eskimos. What does this cartoon convey about selling?
The cartoon illustrates the common perception of salespeople as fast-talking, non-listening, pushy people who do not care about the needs of their customers and are only interested in making the sale. Selling is a profession but does suffer from an image problem. The cartoon also illustrates transaction rather than relationship selling.

67. Compare personal selling with other marketing communications methods in terms of control, flexibility, credibility, and cost.
Personal selling provides greater control and flexibility than advertising, publicity or word-of-mouth. It has greater credibility than advertising but not as much as publicity or word-of-mouth. Personal selling is expensive, more expensive than the other communication methods.
68. Why do companies spend money on personal selling when there are so many less expensive alternatives?

The higher cost of personal selling is justified by its greater effectiveness. Personal selling works better than any other communication vehicle because salespeople are able to develop a unique message for each customer.

69. Why do many organizations use integrated marketing communications?

Organizations use IMC because all communication vehicles have a weakness. IMC allows organizations to coordinate the use of various vehicles to maximize the impact of the total program on customers.

70. How is value measured for sellers and buyers?

For a seller value or profit would be the sales price minus the cost of goods sold plus selling costs. For a buyer, value would be calculated as benefits received minus the price paid plus the time and effort involved in the purchase.

71. Respond to the statement, "salespeople are just order takers."

Most successful salespeople are more than just order takers. Even in sales environments where order taking is the primary function, salespeople who are creative, coming up with new solutions, ideas, and problem solving, are going to be more successful than those who do not think creatively.

72. Stephanie is asked to create a customer relationship management system for your company. What information will she include in the system typically provided by salespeople?

Salespeople typically provide information about expenses, calls made, future calls scheduled, sales forecasts, competitor activities, and customer complaints to their firm's CRM system.

73. What six factors are used to describe sales jobs?

The six factors include:
1. The stage of the buyer-seller relationship
2. The salesperson's role
3. Importance of the customer's purchase decision
4. Location of salesperson-customer contact
5. The nature of the offering sold by the salesperson
6. The salesperson's role in securing customer commitment.
74. How do field salespeople differ from inside salespeople?

Field salespeople spend considerable time in the customer's place of business interacting with the customer, oftentimes engaging in problem solving. Inside salespeople work at their employer's location and typically respond to customer-initiated requests.

75. In "Sorry, But I Disagree: You Should Hire This Person…" Heather Carr describes how she attempts to get a hiring manager to reconsider Heather's candidate for a position. What sales techniques does Heather use when the buyer disagrees with her recommendation?

First, she asks questions to make sure she and the hiring manager agree on what qualities the firm needs in a candidate. Then, she will ask why the hiring manager thinks the candidate does not meet those needs. Sometimes she will ask the hiring manager to give her candidate another interview or ask them to test her candidate. Finally, she accepts the fact that not all of her candidates will get hired and tries to maintain a professional win-win relationship with the hiring manager.

76. List the four aspects of emotional intelligence.

The four aspects are (1) knowing one's own feelings and emotions as they are experienced, (2) controlling one's emotions to avoid acting impulsively, (3) recognizing customers' emotions, and (4) using one's emotions to interact effectively with customers.

77. How would you respond to the following statement? "I'm just going to have to take a sales job until I find a more interesting and more promising career opportunity."

Sales positions are challenging, exciting, and financially rewarding. They can provide the basis for promotion to management positions in a firm or for launching a new business.

78. Relative to advertising, what is the major advantage and disadvantage of personal selling?

Greater flexibility is the major advantage. Greater cost is the major disadvantage.

79. Relative to publicity, what are the major advantages and disadvantages of personal selling?

Greater control and flexibility are the major advantages. Lower credibility and higher costs are the major disadvantages.
On average, salespeople spend less than 35 percent of their time in face-to-face meeting with customers and prospects. What are they doing with the rest of their time?

Servicing accounts, travel, administrative tasks, other selling contacts.

What does it mean to say salespeople are account team managers?

Salespeople coordinate the activities within their firm to solve customer's problems.

What is the role of missionary salespeople?

Missionary salespeople promote the manufacturer's products but do not make sales.

What are manufacturer's agents?

Independent businesspeople who are paid on a commission basis and do not own the products they sell. They sell products and take orders, which are transmitted to the manufacturer.

What factors influence the type of sales jobs?

The stage of the customer-firm relationship, the salesperson's role, importance of the purchase decision, location of the contact, nature of the offerings of the firm, and salesperson's role in securing customer commitment.

As a sales job category, what tasks do missionary salespeople perform?

Missionary salespeople promote; they do not sell.

Describe the personality profile for the ideal salesperson.

There is no such profile, but successful salespeople are hard workers and smart workers. They are highly motivated, dependable, ethical, knowledgeable, good communicators, flexible, creative, and emotionally intelligent.
87. Which ability was Bernice demonstrating when she realized that her long-time customer needed to discuss problems with a hospitalized son rather than listen to her new sales presentation?

Emotional intelligence (empathy)

88. What sales situations require greater creativity?

New customers, new solutions, high importance customer decisions, field selling, services, and situations where the salesperson has a significant role in securing the customer commitment.

89. What influences the financial rewards in selling?

The rewards depend on the level of skill and sophistication needed to do the job.
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