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QUESTION 1

Functions are best described as?

- A. Self-Contained units of organizations
- B. Inter-related activities with a defined goal or output
- C. Closed loop control systems
- D. A team of IT staff who provide a single point of contact for all user communication

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Scenario

Brewster's is a toy factory that has been in business for 30 years. The company started with a small family run shop and has grown consistently over the years. They are now supplying toy stores nationwide and are considered to be the primary supplier of children's collectable novelty erasers.

Brewster's IT department is relatively small (currently 15 staff) but efficient. They have recently employed an IT Manager in an attempt to improve the management of the infrastructure, as well as more effective use of resources and identification of areas for improvement.

The Brewster's management teams do not have a lot of IT knowledge. The newly appointed IT Manager is very ITIL focused and wants to implement as many ITSM processes as is appropriate there are currently no formal processes in place. On starting with the company the IT Manager completed an internal assessment of the IT infrastructure including staff skills analysis, and collated the results from customer satisfaction surveys completed over the last 5 years.

The main areas of concern are as follows:

Responses from customer satisfaction survey:

Overall a consistent satisfaction level. However, responses completed during the past 12 months show an increase in customers who were unsatisfied with call waiting times when contacting the service desk for help with online orders and requests for information.

Customers added the following additional comments:

"Never get to speak to the same person twice when dealing with an Incident number, had to call several

times to receive follow up on progress" "Some of the Service Desk staff seem under qualified to deal with my questions about new applications/incidents/service requests"

Results from Staff Skills Analysis:

Staff, in general, have a good knowledge of IT systems and a basic understanding of the business processes and objectives. However, staff are not well informed of upcoming releases of new or changed services and not given adequate information to relay to the customers.

Staff added the following additional comments:

"Communication between Service Operation departments has become inefficient - there are meetings for the sake of meetings, but the important information we need to know to do our day to day jobs is lacking"

"I still don't know what half of the people do, that work in the IT department!"

Results from General IT Infrastructure assessment:

Lack of event monitoring and planning

Lack of input from Operational Support departments into Service Design Lack of skill and information sharing across the Operational Support teams with regards to Incident, Problem, Workarounds and Known Error data. Little to no proactive activities being carried out.

Refer to Scenario

Which of the following options would be the most effective option to address the issues identified from the General IT Infrastructure assessment?

A. You decide to recommend implementation of the Event Management process to formalize the event monitoring, planning and overall management. Ensure that there is resource sharing between the Service Design teams and the Operational Support teams as their input is necessary to ensure services are designed that will work efficiently in the live environment. In addition, implement the Problem Management process at the same time, to ensure there are both reactive and proactive activities taking place with regards to Problems, a knowledge bank of information including known errors, workarounds, problems and incident records is produced and maintained.

B. You are not concerned with the lack of skill sharing between the Operational Support departments and Service Design as they are two separate entities of the Service Lifecycle with their own objectives. You are concerned, however, with the lack of skill sharing between the Operational Support teams and decide to formalize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd lines of support and recommend the adoption of a database that will incorporate all Incident records, Problem records, Known Error records, Workarounds and Event information, so that all staff can have access to and use this information.

C. You are not concerned with the lack of skill sharing between the Operational Support departments and Service Design as they are two separate entities of the Service Lifecycle with their own objectives. You are concerned, however, with the lack of Event monitoring and planning and foresee this as being a potential major issue. You decide to recommend implementation of the Event Management process to formalize the event monitoring, planning and overall management. Ensure that there is resource sharing between the Service Design teams and the Operational Support teams as their input is necessary to ensure services are designed that will work efficiently in the live environment.

D. Implement the Problem Management process, to ensure there are both reactive and proactive activities taking

place with regards to Problems, a knowledge bank of information including known errors, workarounds, problems and incident records is produced and maintained. Once this process is established, working efficiently and staff have become more accustomed to this new way of working, use this success to recommend the implementation of the Event Management process.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

Scenario

Vision Media is an international media organization, operating various lines of business including:

Film Production Television (production and delivery of their own channel in the United States VisionOne) Print media (including newspapers in 15 countries) Online Advertising

The organization has recently been restructured, and now is comprised of the following companies and departments:

Vision Films (production of movies and television shows) VisionOne (television channel) VisionNews (coordinates all of the sub-companies involved in the delivery of printed newspapers, as well as being the centralized source of news information for all company owned media outlets) VisionNet (managing the online and internet businesses) Legal Services Finance and Administration Human Resources Information Technology

The organization is also actively pursuing growth in the online market, and is currently holding discussions with the leading online news provider about the possible acquisition of their company. This would increase the overall size of Vision Media by around 15%.

The Information Technology department acts as a Shared Service Unit, providing IT Services to all of sub-companies and departments, which complement some of the Internal Service Providers that also exist. The director of Information Technology has realized the need to improve the quality of services offered by implementing ITIL, and has decided to do so using a phased approach. Some of the Service Design and Service Transition processes have already been implemented, and they are now planning the implementation of Service Operation. While the IT director does have tentative support from the other directors and CEO, budgets for implementing the Service Operation processes have not been finalized, and still require a business case to be formally submitted.

The IT director is required to submit a business case to the board of directors of Vision Media for the implementation of Service Operation. Which of the following responses is the BEST summary of the benefits of implementing Service Operation (processes and functions), to be included in the business case?

A. As part of the ongoing Service Management initiative within Vision Media, the implementation of Service Operation is a vital element necessary to enable service quality and reduce the overall expenditure on IT. This is because Service Operation is ultimately where the designs and optimizations introduced by IT are supported, and from an IT perspective where the actual value of IT Service Management is seen. Specific benefits delivered as a result of improved Service Operation includes: Increased effectiveness and efficiency in IT Service delivery and support Reduced operational spending on IT Increased customer and user satisfaction of IT services Improved availability and performance of agreed IT services Given current plans for growth of Vision Media and possible acquisitions, the implementation of Service Operation is especially important to provide processes for reactively managing a growing end user population and increased scope and complexity in IT infrastructure utilized.

B. As part of the ongoing Service Management initiative within Vision Media, the implementation of Service Operation is a vital element necessary to further improve service quality, and to realize the value of the previous projects already completed (refer Service Design and Service Transition projects). This is because Service Operation is ultimately where the designs and optimizations introduced by IT are executed and measured, and from a business viewpoint where the actual value of IT is seen. Specific benefits delivered as a result of improved Service Operation includes: Increased effectiveness and efficiency in IT Service delivery and support Increased return on investments (ROI) into IT Increased

value on investments (VOI) into IT Increased customer and user satisfaction of IT services Given current plans for growth of Vision Media and possible acquisitions, the implementation of Service Operation processes is especially important to provide cost-effective capabilities for managing a growing end user population and increased scope and complexity in IT infrastructure utilized.

C. As part of the ongoing Service Management initiative within Vision Media, the implementation of Service Operation is a vital element necessary to enable service quality and reduce the overall expenditure on IT. This is because Service Operation is ultimately where the designs and optimizations introduced by IT are deployed, and from a business perspective where the actual value of IT Service Management is seen. Specific benefits delivered as a result of improved Service Operation includes: Fewer disruptions to agreed IT services Reduced operational spending on IT Increased job satisfaction of IT staff Improved availability and performance of agreed IT services Given current plans for growth of Vision Media and possible acquisitions, the implementation of Service Operation is especially important to provide processes for reactively managing a growing end user population and increased scope and complexity in IT infrastructure utilized.

D. As part of the ongoing Service Management initiative within Vision Media, the implementation of Service Operation is a vital element necessary to achieve service quality and support the objectives defined for the IT department. This is because Service Operation is ultimately where the designs and optimizations introduced by IT are supported, and from a business viewpoint where the actual value of IT is seen. Specific benefits delivered as a result of improved Service Operation includes: Increased effectiveness and efficiency in IT Service delivery and support Increased return on investments (ROI) into IT Reduced operational spending on IT Increased customer and user satisfaction of IT services Given current plans for growth of Vision Media and possible acquisitions, the implementation of Service Operation is especially important to provide cost-effective processes for managing a growing end user population and increased scope and complexity in IT infrastructure utilized.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

Scenario

Vericom is a leading provider of government, business and consumer telecommunication services, and is currently seeking ways in which to improve its utilization of IT services to drive growth across its

multiple lines of business. One of the largest organizations in the United Kingdom, Vericom is comprised of the following business units:

Verinet (providing ADSL, cable, 3GSM, dialup and satellite services) Infrastructure Services (planning, installing and maintaining the PSTN and mobile network infrastructure)

VericomTV (Pay TV)

Consumer Sales and Marketing (including 400 Vericom retail outlets) Business and Government

Finance and Administration

Information Technology Services (Shared Service Unit, however some business units also have their own internal service provider) Human Resources

Vericom Wholesale (for wholesale of Vericom infrastructure services)

Due to the extensive scope of infrastructure deployed and large employee and customer base, Vericom continues to rely on legacy systems for some critical IT services; however this is seen as a barrier to future organizational growth and scalability of services offered. The CIO of Vericom has also raised the concern that while improvements to the technology utilized is important, this also needs to be supported by quality IT Service Management practices employed by the various IT departments.

The project of improving the IT Service Management practices employed by Vericom has been outsourced to external consultants who are aware of the major IT refresh that is going to be occurring over the next 24 months.

Refer to the scenario.

With Vericom being a large organization (approximately 40 000 staff), some of the business units have developed their own internal IT departments to supplement the services provided by the centralized Information Technology Services (ITS) department. This has occurred due to the specialized needs and requirements for technology, specifically Verinet, VericomTV and Consumer Sales and Marketing.

While the decision has been made that this organizational structure is to remain in place, there has been identified issues relating to a lack of consistency in IT Service Management processes used by the different departments and unclear boundaries for the responsibilities of the various IT Service Desks. This has resulted in:

End users calling the wrong Service Desk, requiring the call to be redirected to the appropriate group

Inconsistency in the categorization and classification of service requests, incidents and problems, causing confusion and frustration when there are multiple IT departments involved

Known Errors being recorded internally within the various IT departments, which may in fact have a wider impact on the whole organization when these are not visible to everyone

Inconsistency in the Service Management systems and tools used for handling service requests, incidents, problems and Known Errors.

From the following responses, which BEST represents the approach you would take to overcome the issues described above?

A. You realize a coordinated approach is the best method, including: The development of the ITS Service Desk to be the single point of contact for ALL end user (internal) queries. This will be performed over a 6 month period, to take account for any training and transfer of knowledge that needs to occur. This Service Desk will then escalate to the appropriate

second line group (from any of the IT departments) as required. Develop consistency across all departments for categories and priority coding systems used for all service requests, incidents and problems. Build or purchase a consistent service management tool that will be used by all IT departments for managing incidents, problems, Known Errors and service requests. Holding regular review sessions involving staff from each of the IT departments to discuss current issues, recurring and potential problems future initiatives.

B. You realize a phased approach is the best method, including four phases: Phase 1 ? Build or purchase a service management tool that will be used by all IT departments for managing incidents, problems and service requests Phase 2 ? Standardize the use of ITIL processes used by the IT department across all IT departments at Vericom Phase 3 ? Deliver training and awareness sessions for staff regarding the importance of the processes and how they should be used. Phase 4 ? Review the success of the project and pass any lessons learnt onto future projects

C. You realize a coordinated approach is the best method, including: Developing a telephone system that will route calls to the appropriate Service Desk based on the user's input. This should also provide the capability for a Service Desk analyst to call them back during peak periods. Develop consistency in all the categories assigned to service requests, incidents and problems across all IT departments. Build or purchase a service management tool that will be used by all IT departments for managing incidents, problems, Known Errors and service requests Hold regular review sessions involving key staff from each of the IT departments to discuss current issues and potential problems.

D. You realize that improving the business awareness of IT is most important, and address the issues by: Identifying the training requirements of end users to improve their use of IT service Implement an online Service Catalogue for all IT Services, with self-help capabilities to log and track incidents, problems and service requests Assist Service Level Management in improving the visibility of the IT organization in general, and identify areas of customer satisfaction that need improving Build or purchase a service management tool that will be used by all IT departments and end users for managing incidents, problems, Known Errors and service requests

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 5

There have been multiple incidents recorded by the Service Desk. It appears that the network is congested due to multiple connections.

What kind of actions should the Service Desk analyst take in this instance?

- A. They should ask the Capacity Manager to expand the capacity of the network
- B. They should ask the Problem Manager to look into the problem right away
- C. They should ask the Security Manager to check whether too many authorizations may have been issued.
- D. They should ask the Service Level Manager to revise the Service Level Agreements (SLA) with a decreased availability target

Correct Answer: B