Business Observation Multiple-Choice Worksheet: Movie: Elf

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Instructions: After watching the movie *Elf*, answer the following multiple-choice questions by selecting the best possible answer. Each question relates to business concepts seen in the film.

1. Customer Service & Relationships

How does Buddy the Elf approach customer service in the department store?

- a) He follows all corporate rules strictly.
- b) He is dismissive of customers and avoids interaction.
- c) He engages with customers enthusiastically and personally.
- d) He focuses on selling expensive items only.

2. Branding & Marketing

What impact does Buddy's colorful and creative display in the department store have on the store's image?

- a) It confuses customers and drives them away.
- b) It improves the store's festive and joyful image, attracting more customers.
- c) It has no impact on the store's image.
- d) It leads to the store losing its holiday spirit.

3. Organizational Culture

How would you describe the organizational culture at the North Pole compared to the department store?

- a) The North Pole has a strict, rigid structure, while the store is more flexible.
- b) The North Pole is playful and creative, while the store is formal and impersonal.
- c) The North Pole is focused only on profit, while the store is about community.
- d) Both environments are highly competitive and structured.

4. Leadership Style

What leadership style does Walter Hobbs demonstrate in the movie?

- a) Democratic and supportive, involving others in decision-making.
- b) Authoritarian and focused solely on the company's profits.
- c) Hands-off and allows employees to work independently.
- d) Inspirational and leads with passion and enthusiasm.

5. Problem-Solving

When Buddy faces a problem in the "real world," how does he typically solve it?

- a) He avoids the problem and hopes it resolves itself.
- b) He uses creativity, enthusiasm, and non-traditional solutions.
- c) He escalates the problem to his manager for resolution.
- d) He consults with other employees to follow standard procedures.

6. Corporate Ethics

Which of the following best describes Walter Hobbs' dilemma in the movie regarding his work-life balance?

a) He must choose between making money or taking a vacation.

- b) He struggles with making ethical decisions regarding his family and business.
- c) He must decide whether to expand his business internationally.
- d) He is faced with a decision about reducing the number of employees at the store.

7. Marketing Strategies

Buddy's ability to attract people to the department store during the holiday season can be attributed to which of the following?

- a) Traditional advertising and discounts.
- b) His unique, passionate approach to spreading holiday cheer.
- c) His focus on exclusive high-end products.
- d) His use of social media and digital marketing.

8. Organizational Structure

What is the main difference between the organizational structure at the North Pole and at the department store?

a) The North Pole is hierarchical, while the department store is more flexible.

b) The North Pole is more focused on profit, while the department store prioritizes employee satisfaction.

c) The North Pole is more creative and collaborative, while the department store is more formal and task-oriented.

d) Both organizations have a rigid and highly structured environment.

9. Innovation & Creativity

Buddy's "elf-sized" solution to a problem (e.g., the spaghetti breakfast) is an example of:

a) Traditional business practices.

b) A creative and innovative solution to a non-traditional problem.

c) A risky business decision that leads to failure.

d) An unethical solution to a customer complaint.

10. Ethical Decision-Making

Walter Hobbs faces an ethical decision when balancing his business priorities with his family. What lesson can businesses learn from this conflict?

a) Prioritizing profits above all else is key to success.

- b) Business leaders should always focus on personal gain.
- c) Balancing work and personal life is important for long-term success and employee morale.
- d) Companies should never consider their employees' personal lives.

11. Employee Motivation

What motivates Buddy to perform well at the department store?

- a) His desire to climb the corporate ladder.
- b) His enthusiasm and personal joy in spreading holiday spirit.
- c) The financial rewards and bonuses offered by the store.
- d) The pressure to meet high sales quotas.

12. Collaboration

How does the movie portray the importance of collaboration in business?

- a) Buddy works alone without needing others.
- b) Collaboration only leads to confusion and failure.
- c) Buddy's work with others, like Jovie and the store manager, leads to creative success.
- d) Collaboration is unnecessary in business.

13. Leadership & Employee Morale

How does Walter Hobbs' leadership style impact employee morale at the department store?

a) It motivates employees by focusing on individual achievement.

- b) It demoralizes employees by prioritizing profits over relationships.
- c) It encourages employees to innovate and think creatively.
- d) It creates a positive work culture by being supportive and understanding.

14. Brand Identity

Buddy's personal brand is an example of:

- a) A corporate-focused brand that prioritizes profits over customer engagement.
- b) A strong, authentic, and joyful personal brand that resonates with others.
- c) A brand that focuses on exclusivity and high-end products.
- d) A brand that avoids interaction with customers to maintain professionalism.

15. Entrepreneurship

Do you think Buddy would make a good entrepreneur? Why?

- a) Yes, because he is creative, enthusiastic, and doesn't follow traditional rules.
- b) No, because he doesn't understand business basics and prefers to work alone.
- c) Yes, because he always follows standard business practices.
- d) No, because he lacks leadership skills and focuses too much on personal pleasure.

16. Social Responsibility

How does Buddy demonstrate social responsibility in the movie?

- a) By focusing only on his own happiness and career.
- b) By spreading holiday joy and helping others, even without personal gain.
- c) By only following corporate policies and focusing on profit.
- d) By avoiding any interactions that don't directly benefit him.

17. Marketing & Promotion

Buddy's approach to marketing the store can be described as:

- a) Formal and traditional, using print ads and flyers.
- b) Unenthusiastic and focused on discounts only.
- c) Fun, spontaneous, and centered around creating positive emotions.
- d) Strictly focused on social media and digital strategies.

18. Workplace Dynamics

What lesson can businesses learn from the way Buddy interacts with his coworkers in the department store?

a) Businesses should always focus on hierarchy and authority.

- b) Encouraging openness, enthusiasm, and collaboration can improve workplace dynamics.
- c) Workers should avoid engaging with each other to prevent conflicts.
- d) All employees should strictly follow corporate procedures without deviation.

19. Work-Life Balance

How does Buddy help Walter Hobbs realize the importance of work-life balance?

- a) By encouraging Walter to spend more time focusing on profits.
- b) By helping Walter realize the importance of family over work commitments.
- c) By showing Walter how to delegate his work to others.
- d) By encouraging Walter to quit his job and start a new business.

20. Final Business Takeaways

What is one key business lesson from *Elf*?

- a) The importance of always prioritizing profits over customer experience.
- b) The value of creativity, enthusiasm, and passion in business success.
- c) That rigid rules and structures are essential for any successful company.
- d) That businesses should only focus on the bottom line and avoid distractions.