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# Chapter 02: Ethics for IT Workers and IT Users

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1. Software piracy in a corporate setting is rarely directly traceable to IT staff members?
   a. True
   b. False

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2. When the Business Software Alliance (BSA) finds cases of software piracy, it can assess heavy monetary penalties.
   a. True
   b. False

*ANSWER:* True
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3. The Business Software Alliance (BSA) has a few dozen lawyers and investigators who prosecute only the 100 or so most egregious cases of software piracy each year.
   a. True
   b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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4. There is a potential conflict of interest when IT consultants or auditors recommend their own products and services or those of an affiliated vendor to remedy a problem they have detected.
   a. True
   b. False

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5. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act is a legally binding global treaty to fight bribery and corruption.
   a. True
   b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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6. The United Nations Convention Against Corruption makes it a crime to bribe a foreign official, a foreign political party official, or a candidate for foreign political office.
   a. True
   b. False

*ANSWER:* False
*POINTS:* 1
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7. A bribe is a crime even if the payment was lawful under the laws of the foreign country in which it was paid.
   a. True
   b. False

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8. When it comes to distinguishing between bribes and gifts, the perceptions of the donor and recipient almost always coincide.

a. True
b. False

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9. To qualify legally as a bribe, the gift or payment must be made directly from donor to recipient.

a. True
b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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10. Gifts come with no expectation of a future favor for the donor.

a. True
b. False

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11. Currently no one IT professional organization has emerged as preeminent, so there is no universal code of ethics for IT workers.

a. True
b. False

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*ANSWER:* True
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12. Laws provide a complete guide to ethical behavior.
    a. True
    b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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*REFERENCES:* Professional Codes of Ethics
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13. Certification indicates that a professional possesses a particular set of skills, knowledge, or abilities, in the opinion of the certifying organization.
    a. True
    b. False

*ANSWER:* True
*POINTS:* 1
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14. Vendor certifications require passing a written exam, which usually contains multiple-choice questions because of legal concerns about whether other types of exams can be graded objectively.
    a. True
    b. False

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15. Government licensing is generally administered at the federal level in the United States.
    a. True
    b. False
*ANSWER:* False
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16. There are many industry association certifications in a variety of IT-related subject areas.
    a. True
    b. False
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*POINTS:* 1
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17. The core body of knowledge for any profession outlines an agreed-upon code of ethics and practices for those who practice in that profession.
    a. True
    b. False
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18. Government licensing of IT workers is common within most of the states of the United States.
    a. True

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b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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19. From a legal perspective, there is both a reasonable person standard and a reasonable professional standard to decide whether parties owe a duty of care.

a. True
b. False

*ANSWER:* True
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20. A breach of the duty of care is defined as a failure to conform to the code of ethics of a professional organization.

a. True
b. False

*ANSWER:* False
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21. While no policy can stop wrongdoers, it can establish boundaries for acceptable and unacceptable behavior and enable management to punish violators.

a. True
b. False

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22. Compliance means to be in conformance with a profession's core body of knowledge.
    a. True
    b. False
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23. The internal audit department includes members of the board of directors who determine that the internal systems and controls of the organization are adequate and effective.
    a. True
    b. False
*ANSWER:* False
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24. Members of the internal audit team must be expert in detecting and investigating financial statement fraud.
    a. True
    b. False
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25. A trade secret is information, generally unknown to the public, that a company has taken strong measures to

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keep confidential.

a. True

b. False

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**Multiple Choice**

26. Which trade group protects the intellectual property of member companies and advocates a legal and regulatory environment that benefits the software industry?

a. Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)

b. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

c. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

d. SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security (SANS) Institute

*ANSWER:* a
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27. In malpractice lawsuits, many courts have ruled that IT workers are not liable for malpractice because they:

a. do not belong to a professional organization.

b. fail to breach a duty of care.

c. do not meet the legal definition of a professional.

d. are not certified.

*ANSWER:* c
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28. Which of the following is a trade group that represents the world's largest software and hardware manufacturers?

a. Business Software Association (BSA)
b. Business Software Alliance (BSA)
c. International Business Software (IBS)
d. International Software Association (ISA)

*ANSWER:* b
*POINTS:* 1
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29. To prove fraud in a court of law, prosecutors must demonstrate that:

a. the wrongdoer made a false representation of material fact.
b. the innocent party never relied on the misrepresentation.
c. the wrongdoer did not intend to deceive the innocent party.
d. the wrongdoer was not injured

*ANSWER:* a
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30. Which of the following is an effort by an employee to attract attention to a negligent, illegal, unethical, abusive, or dangerous act by a company that threatens the public interest?

a. Professional malpractice
b. Conflict of interest
c. Whistle-blowing
d. Business intelligence

*ANSWER:* c
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31. The crime of obtaining goods, services, or property through deception or trickery is known as which of the following?

a. Conflict of interest
b. Breach of contract
c. Fraud
d. Misrepresentation

*ANSWER:* c
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32. Penalties for violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) are severe-corporations face a fine of up to how much per violation?

a. $100,000
b. $500,000
c. $2 million
d. $5 million

*ANSWER:* c
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33. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) makes it a crime to do which of the following?

a. pay an official to perform some official function faster
b. make lawful payments to a foreign official
c. make facilitating payments
d. bribe a foreign official

*ANSWER:* d
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34. Under what circumstance might a gift be considered a bribe?
    a. When given as a gesture of friendship
    b. The gift exchange is made directly from donor to recipient
    c. The gift comes with no expectation of a future favor
    d. When the gift has not been declared

*ANSWER:* d
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35. Which term distinguishes the person who uses a hardware or software product from the IT workers who develop, install, service, and support the product?
    a. IT professional
    b. shareholder
    c. IT user
    d. stakeholder

*ANSWER:* c
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36. Which of the following states the principles and core values that are essential to the work of a particular occupational group?
    a. work statement
    b. mission statement
    c. manual of style
    d. professional code of ethics

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37. Which entity is a computing society founded in 1947 with more than 97,000 student and professional members in more than 100 countries, and it publishes over 50 journals and 30 newsletters?
    a. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Computer Society
    b. Business Software Alliance
    c. Association for Computing Machinery
    d. Association of Information Technology Professionals

*ANSWER:* c
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38. Which of the following is true about certification?
    a. It guarantees the performance of an individual.
    b. It can be applied to products.
    c. It is the same as licensing.
    d. It is a mandatory requirement by the law.

*ANSWER:* b
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39. What term refers to the obligation to protect people against any unreasonable harm or risk?
    a. Negligence
    b. Professional malpractice
    c. Reasonable professional standard
    d. Duty of care

*ANSWER:* d
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40. Which term is used to describe the failure to act as a reasonable person would act?
a. professional malpractice
b. duty of care
c. unreasonable professional standard
d. breach of the duty of care

*ANSWER:* d
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41. Which of the following is defined as not doing something that a reasonable person would do or doing something that a reasonable person would not do?
a. professional malpractice
b. breach of the duty of care
c. negligence
d. software piracy

*ANSWER:* d
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42. A hardware or software device that serves as a barrier between a company and the outside world and limits access to the company's network based on the organization's Internet usage policy is known as which of the following?
a. router
b. hub
c. bridge
d. firewall

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43. A vendor certification:
    a. has no effect on an IT worker's salary and career prospects.
    b. usually does not require the purchase of expensive training material and course instruction.
    c. may focus too narrowly on the technical details of the vendor's technology.
    d. requires vendors to pass lengthy essay exams.

*ANSWER:* c
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44. Professionals who breach the duty of care are liable for injuries that their negligence causes. This liability is commonly referred to as which of the following?
    a. professional malpractice
    b. breach of the duty of care
    c. professional standard breach
    d. software piracy

*ANSWER:* a
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45. At which level is licensing generally administered?
    a. federal
    b. state
    c. local
    d. association

*ANSWER:* b
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46. The posting of thousands of State Department documents on the WikiLeaks Web site is an example of which of the following?

a. inappropriate sharing of information
b. breach of duty of care
c. inappropriate use of computing resources
d. negligence

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47. In the legal system, compliance usually refers to behavior that is in accordance with which of the following?

a. personal beliefs
b. morality
c. legislation
d. ethical codes

*ANSWER:* c
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48. In 1972, which organization recommended that publicly held organizations establish audit committees?

a. SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security (SANS) Institute
b. Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)
c. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
d. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)

*ANSWER:* c
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49. The goal of the standards set by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) is to prevent companies from:
    a. creating relationships between IT workers and suppliers.
    b. making facilitating payments for obtaining permits or licenses.
    c. using slush funds or other means to disguise payments to officials.
    d. providing misrepresentations of a material fact.

*ANSWER:* c
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50. A survey by the Fawcett Society on the use of computing resources at work found that:
    a. 20 percent of men admit to viewing porn while at work
    b. over 50 percent of mobile workers view porn from their Web-enabled phones
    c. 31 percent of computer users engage in software piracy
    d. nearly 75 percent of office workers spend 2 hours or more a week on Facebook while at work

*ANSWER:* a
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51. Which of the following is defined as the misstatement or incomplete statement of a material fact?
    a. fraud
    b. piracy
    c. misrepresentation
    d. breach of contract

*ANSWER:* c
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52. Which of the following is a trade group that is funded through dues based on member companies' software revenues and through settlements from companies that commit software piracy?

a. Business Software Alliance (BSA)
b. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
c. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
d. SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security (SANS) Institute

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53. Information used in a business, generally unknown to the public, that the company has taken strong measures to keep confidential is known as which of the following?

a. copyright
b. patent
c. trade secret
d. certification

*ANSWER:* c
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54. Which of the following occurs when a party fails to perform certain express or implied obligations, which impairs or destroys the essence of the contract?

a. material breach of contract
b. fraud
c. misrepresentation
d. bribery

*ANSWER:* a
*POINTS:* 1
*DIFFICULTY:* Easy

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55. One of the most common ethical problems for members of the IT profession when a potential employee lies on a resume and claims competence in an IT skill that is in high demand. This act is known as which of the following?

a. misrepresentation
b. fraud
c. resume inflation
d. breach of the duty of care

*ANSWER:* c
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**Subjective Short Answer**

56. Discuss the issue of whistle-blowing in the IT context.

*ANSWER:* An issue that can create friction between employers and IT professionals is whistle-blowing. Whistle-blowing is an effort by an employee to attract attention to a negligent, illegal, unethical, abusive, or dangerous act by a company that threatens the public interest. Whistle-blowers often have special information based on their expertise or position within the offending organization. For example, an employee of a chip manufacturing company may know that the chemical process used to make the chips is dangerous to employees and the general public. A conscientious employee would call the problem to management's attention and try to correct it by working with appropriate resources within the company. But what if the employee's attempt to correct the problem through internal channels was thwarted or ignored? The employee could then consider becoming a whistle-blower and reporting the problem to people outside the company, including state or federal agencies that have jurisdiction. Obviously, such actions could have negative consequences on the employee's job, and could even result in retaliation and firing.
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57. Explain how the courts decide whether parties owe a duty of care.

*ANSWER:* The courts decide whether parties owe a duty of care by applying a reasonable person standard to evaluate how an objective, careful, and conscientious person would have acted in the same circumstances. Likewise, defendants who have particular expertise or competence are measured against a reasonable professional standard. For example, in a medical malpractice suit based on improper treatment of a broken bone, the standard of measure would be higher if the defendant were an orthopedic surgeon rather than a general practitioner. In the IT arena, consider a hypothetical negligence case in which an employee inadvertently destroyed millions of customer records in an Oracle database. The standard of measure would be higher if the defendant were a licensed software engineer certified as an Oracle database administrator (DBA) with 10 years of experience rather than an unlicensed systems analyst with no DBA experience or specific knowledge of the Oracle software.

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58. What is a professional code of ethics?

*ANSWER:* A professional code of ethics states the principles and core values that are essential to the work of a particular occupational group. Practitioners in many professions subscribe to a code of ethics that governs their behavior. For example, doctors adhere to varying versions of the 2000-year-old Hippocratic oath, which medical schools offer as an affirmation to their graduating classes. Most codes of ethics created by professional organizations have two main parts: The first outlines what the professional organization aspires to become, and the second typically lists rules and principles by which members of the organization are expected to abide. Many codes also include a commitment to continuing education for those who practice the profession.

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59. Define the term conflict of interest and provide an IT-related example of this.

*ANSWER:* A conflict of interest is a situation where there is a conflict between the IT worker's (or IT firm's) self-interest and the interest of clients. For example, an IT consulting firm might be hired to assess a firm's IT strategic plan. After a few weeks of analysis, the consulting firm

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might provide a poor rating for the existing strategy and insist that its proprietary products and services are required to develop a new strategic plan. Such findings would raise questions about the vendor's objectivity and whether its recommendations can be trusted.

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60. Clarify the difference between an organization's audit committee and its internal audit department.

*ANSWER:* The audit committee of a board of directors provides assistance to the board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the oversight of the following areas of activity:
· The quality and integrity of the organization's accounting and reporting practices and controls, including the financial statements and reports
· The organization's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
· The qualifications, independence, and performance of the company's independent auditor (a certified public accountant who provides a company with an accountant's opinion but who is not otherwise associated with the company)
· The performance of the company's internal audit team
In addition to an audit committee, most organizations also have an internal audit department whose primary responsibilities are to
· Determine that internal systems and controls are adequate and effective
· Verify the existence of company assets and maintain proper safeguards over their protection
· Measure the organization's compliance with its own policies and procedures
· Insure that institutional policies and procedures, appropriate laws, and good practices are followed
· Evaluate the adequacy and reliability of information available for management decision making
Although the members of the internal audit team are not typically experts in detecting and investigating financial statement fraud, they can offer advice on how to develop and test policies and procedures that result in transactions being recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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