

Ethical Decision- Making Quiz

Test Your Knowledge

Word Scramble

1. Detach personal feelings/values from the decision TPVESPECPIER GANIKT
2. Set goals for how one will act in a potentially ethical dilemma LGAO NEITTSG
3. Acknowledge emotions before acting TCFEFA GELALINB
4. A quality developed by adhering to moral principles GRYETTINI
5. A personal factor of influence for ethical decision making CLASVIRE STTSEA
6. Doing your duty loyally without thought of recognition or gain SSLEFLSE VRECSIE

Breaking Down the Issue

A company first sergeant (1SG) begins to notice a pattern of preferential treatment by a unit commander. The unit commander tends to freely grant leave, assign favorable duties, and give recommendations to certain unit members, while others' needs and accomplishments go disregarded. This favoritism isn't based on characteristics like race or gender that would be legally protected from discrimination. Though the 1SG is one of those who is treated more favorably, they still see the treatment as unfair. Additionally, the 1SG has heard stirrings among the unit as more unit members are also seeing the pattern of preferential treatment.

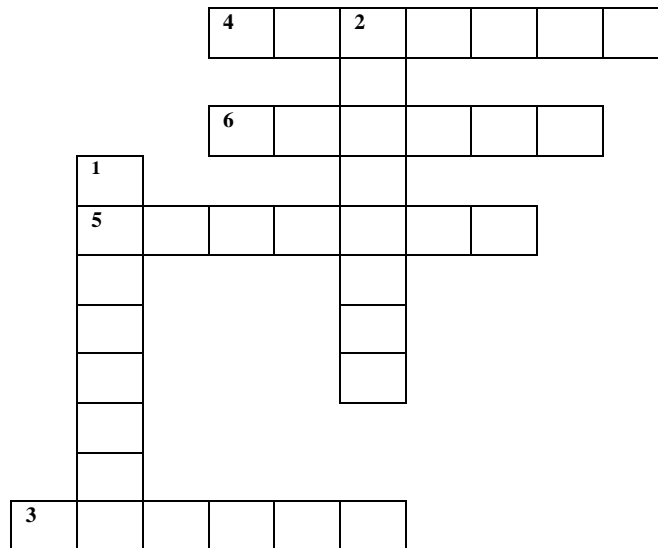
1. Why might this issue of preferential treatment by the unit leader be considered unethical?
 - A. The different standard of treatment could lead to a breakdown in unit cohesion.
 - B. The unit leader might forget who gets preferential treatment and grant too many people leave.
 - C. The treatment is not unethical. Others should work harder to gain the favor of the unit leader.
2. What is the ethical dilemma faced by the 1SG in this scenario regarding personal gain?
 - A. The 1SG must relish the benefits of this preferential treatment to propel their own career so they can become a leader that does not use unethical and unfair treatment in their role as a unit commander one day.
 - B. The 1SG must decide what are the most advantageous duties and recommendations to seek from the unit commander before the unit commander leaves this command.
 - C. The 1SG must decide between continuing to accept the unit commander's behavior because it leads to their own personal gain or to report the unit commander's behavior which might result in losing the advantages of preferential treatment.
3. What is the ethical dilemma faced by the 1SG regarding loyalty?
 - A. There is no ethical dilemma for loyalty in this situation. Life just isn't always fair for everyone.
 - B. The 1SG has a duty of loyalty to their superior, the unit commander. After all, they are in charge and know what is best for the unit.
 - C. There is a higher moral responsibility to the collective well-being of all unit members.



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Crossword Puzzle

A lack of sleep and a stressful environment are (1) factors of ethical decision-making. A (2) command climate and (3) engagement are positive factors. As a leader, you can provide (4) and guidance. As an individual, you can show (5) and (6) attentively.



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Answer Key:

Word Scramble:

1. Perspective Taking
2. Goal Setting
3. Affect Labeling
4. Integrity
5. Visceral States
6. Selfless Service

Breaking down the issues:

1. A
2. C
3. C

Crossword:

1. Negative
2. Positive
3. Leader
4. Support
5. Empathy
6. Listen

