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Chapter 1

What Is Marketing?

Multiple-Choice Questions

1) Which of the following terms or phrases would be included in a basic description of marketing?

- a) sales orientation
- b) common sense
- c) ongoing process
- d) focus on advertising

Answer: c

Difficulty: Easy

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2) The breadth of marketing decisions is referred to as what?

- a) The 4Ps of marketing
- b) The marketing plan
- c) The marketing strategy
- d) The creative concept

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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3) Which skill set is required to be a good marketer?

- a) Experience in professional sales
- b) A high degree of creativity
- c) Understanding algebra and calculus
- d) Basic math skills

Answer: d

Difficulty: Easy

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4) All of these are common misconceptions about what marketing is EXCEPT:

- a) managing exchanges with customers.
- b) making people buy things they don't need.
- c) an art, and you either have the gift for it or you don't.
- d) it does not involve numbers.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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5) Which best describes “wants”?

- a) Strong desires for something
- b) Unfulfilled needs
- c) Unsupplied demands
- d) Untapped markets

Answer: a

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6) In addition to sales and advertising, marketing also includes which of the following?

- a) Product design
- b) Social media

- c) Community relations
- d) Customer relationships

Answer: a

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7) A critical skill that marketers must know in order to make good marketing decisions is

- a) marketing math.
- b) demographic analysis.
- c) customer awareness.
- d) interpersonal skills.

Answer: a

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8) Which of the following is a key idea for understanding marketing?

- a) It involves multiple parties who have something to exchange.
- b) It involves sales and advertising capable of reaching customers.
- c) It involves communications between companies and consumers.
- d) It involves satisfying customers' needs and desires.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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9) The scope of marketing decisions needs to include which of the following?

- a) Product, price, place, and promotion
- b) Product, placement, perception, and persuasion
- c) Product, price, and position
- d) Product, cost, communication, and convenience

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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10) Which of the following statements is true?

- a) Marketers try to influence wants, but customers ultimately decide if something is worth buying or not.
- b) Marketers are often able to make people buy something against their will.
- c) Marketing is primarily based on the science of human behaviour.
- d) Marketing is more of an art than a science.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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11) Offering too many options can lead to which problem for some companies?

- a) It's difficult to keep track of inventory and re-order as certain items are sold out.
- b) They can't specialize, leaving them vulnerable to competition.
- c) Suppliers to the company can get confused and send incorrect shipments.
- d) Your target market, by definition, prefers limited options.

Answer: b

Difficulty: Medium

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12) What is the ultimate goal of marketing?

- a) Selling the most product or service
- b) Creating product demand
- c) Influencing customers' needs
- d) Earning the greatest profit for the company

Answer: d

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13) Connor attends a university in Manitoba and winter is approaching. To keep warm, he must purchase a coat. While he prefers a Canada Goose coat, he cannot afford to pay the \$1,000 price. Which of the following statements accurately describes Connor's situation?

- a) He needs a coat and wants a Canada Goose. There is no demand, since he cannot afford the coat he wants.
- b) He wants a coat and needs a Canada Goose. There is no demand, since he cannot afford the coat he needs.
- c) He needs a coat. He both wants and demands a Canada Goose.
- d) He wants a coat. He both needs and demands a Canada Goose.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Medium

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14) Spiro has a new job at an office with no viable public transportation options. After some research, he decides to purchase a motorcycle. A salesperson at a local dealership makes the very expensive Ducati Monster sound so appealing, Spiro eventually purchases one. Which of the following statements most accurately describes this situation?

- a) Spiro needed transportation, wanted a motorcycle, but had no demand for a Ducati.
- b) Spiro demanded transportation, wanted a Ducati, but had no need for a motorcycle.
- c) Spiro needed transportation. His demand for a Ducati was controlled by the salesperson at the dealership.

d) Spiro needed transportation and wanted a motorcycle. The salesperson influenced his demand for a Ducati.

Answer: d

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15) At last year's farmer's market, Kelsi sold every one of her jars of homemade salsa. Her customers raved over her four different flavour combinations and were thrilled by her affordable prices. This year, Kelsi stocked 32 different flavour combinations and kept prices the same. Her sales slowed considerably. What is the most likely reason?

- a) Kelsi's customers were turned off by her low prices.
- b) Kelsi's customers experienced brain fatigue when confronting so many choices.
- c) Kelsi did not provide adequate customer service.
- d) Kelsi did not advertise her salsas effectively.

Answer: b

Difficulty: Medium

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16) Which of the following is a misconception about marketing?

- a) Marketing is equivalent to sales and advertising.
- b) Marketing focuses on satisfying the customer.
- c) Marketing involves numbers.
- d) Marketing focuses on relationships.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Medium

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17) When a customer has a strong desire for something and the ability to make the purchase, it is called a

- a) demand.
- b) need.
- c) want.
- d) purchase.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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18) Properly designed and executed, marketing can do which of the following?

- a) Influence people to do things they don't want to do.
- b) Make it more appealing to buy certain things over others.
- c) Create a need for something.
- d) Make people buy things they really can't afford.

Answer: b

Difficulty: Medium

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Standard 1: AACSB || Ethics

Standard 2: Bloom's || Analysis

19) What is the best synthesis of needs and wants?

- a) They affect one's quality of life.
- b) They reflect one's status in society.
- c) They are unaffected by pandemics or natural disasters.
- d) They can be affected by quality marketing efforts.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Hard

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Standard 1: AACSB || Reflective Thinking

Standard 2: Bloom's || Synthesis

20) You are having a discussion with your cousin, Thomas, about your university courses. You tell him that your favourite course is Marketing. Thomas replies that marketing is easy because companies simply make a product available at a low price and customers will buy it. Which misconception of marketing applies to this situation?

- a) Marketing is common sense.
- b) Marketing is equivalent to sales or advertising.
- c) Marketing makes people buy things they don't need.
- d) Marketing is an art, and you either have the gift or you don't.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Medium

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21) Samantha is hungry for lunch. Instead of buying food at the school cafeteria, she goes to the local café. The prices of food are the same for both options, but the food is better at the café. Samantha is meeting her

- a) demand.
- b) need.
- c) want.
- d) purchase.

Answer: c

Difficulty: Medium

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22) A new ice cream shop has opened in your community. You saw an ad for it on Instagram and told your friends that you should go there this week because the weather is warm. Which one of the 4 Ps did the ice cream shop focus on with its ad?

- a) product

- b) price
- c) place
- d) promotion

Answer: d

Difficulty: Medium

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23) Demand is a combination of which two things?

- a) desire for something and its availability
- b) desire for something and the ability to purchase it
- c) availability of something and the ability to pay for it
- d) desire for something and a well-executed marketing plan

Answer: b

Difficulty: Easy

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24) Which of the following best defines a need?

- a) A strong desire for something
- b) The perceived benefit from an exchange
- c) A lack of means of subsistence
- d) Something deemed important missing that is available at a reasonable price

Answer: c

Difficulty: Easy

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25) Creative advertising can do what for your products or services?

- a) Guarantee marketing success.
- b) Often save a bad product.
- c) Help create buzz.
- d) Influence all consumers.

Answer: c

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26) Which of the following is NOT one of the 4Ps of marketing?

- a) Price
- b) Perception
- c) Promotion
- d) Place

Answer: b

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27) Managing a marketing effort involves all of these functions EXCEPT:

- a) control.
- b) planning.
- c) implementation.
- d) advertising.

Answer: d

Difficulty: Easy

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Section Reference 1: Marketing Defined

Standard 1: AACSB || Communication

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28) The focus of your marketing plan should be on what?

- a) Coordination of activities
- b) Assessment of effectiveness
- c) Target market
- d) Timeline and budget

Answer: c

Difficulty: Easy

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Section Reference 1: Marketing Defined

Standard 1: AACSB || Communication

Standard 2: Bloom's || Comprehension

29) Which of the following terms is defined as managing exchanges with customers?

- a) Social orientation
- b) Marketing
- c) Sales
- d) Value proposition

Answer: b

Difficulty: Easy

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Section Reference 1: Marketing Defined

Standard 1: AACSB || Communication

Standard 2: Bloom's || Knowledge

30) Companies need to create a marketing plan that includes which of the following?

- a) Goals, timelines, and budget
- b) Plans, pricing, and promotion
- c) Target market, advertising, and social media
- d) Social, financial, and managerial goals

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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Standard 2: Bloom's || Comprehension

31) A marketing plan is best described as

- a) a written statement for managing exchanges with customers.
- b) a blueprint for how advertising and promotions will sell a product.
- c) coordinated actions between product managers, marketing managers, and executives.
- d) a strategy outlining the steps taken to persuade consumers.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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Standard 2: Bloom's || Comprehension

32) A primary responsibility of the marketing manager is to

- a) coordinate and monitor activities in the marketing plan.
- b) oversee the progress of all sales representatives.
- c) manage the brand portfolio of products.
- d) develop and maintain key client relationships.

Answer: a

Difficulty: Easy

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Standard 2: Bloom's || Comprehension

33) The specific group of customers that a company decides to focus on and create an exchange with is called a

- a) target market.
- b) focus group.
- c) niche market.
- d) mass market.