



Fundamental Marketing Concepts

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Test Type: This A*S*K Business Institute certification assessment is a customized assessment for the MBA Research and Curriculum Center. This assessment measures technical skills at the occupational level and includes items which gauge factual and theoretical knowledge. This assessment offers a written component and can be used at the secondary level and post-secondary levels. This assessment is delivered entirely through QuadNet™, NOCTI's online testing system.

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Written Assessment

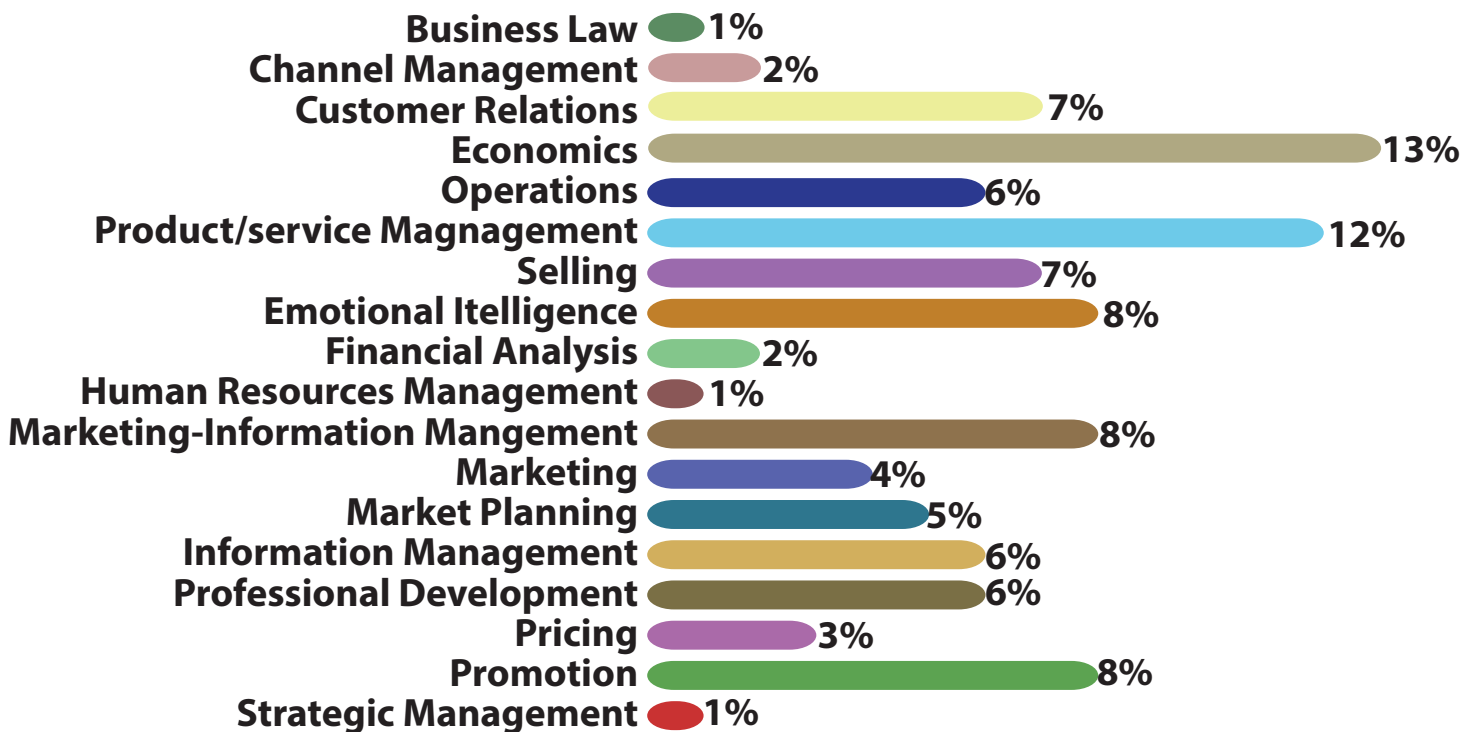
This written assessment consists of questions to measure an individual's factual theoretical knowledge.

Administration Time: 1 hour and 40 minutes

Number of Questions: 100

Number of Sessions: This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

Areas Covered



Specific Competencies and Skills Tested in this Assessment

Business Law

- Explain types of business ownership

Channel Management

- Explain the nature and scope of channel management
- Explain the nature of channels of distribution

Customer Relations

- Explain the nature of positive customer relations
- Demonstrate a customer service mindset
- Respond to customer inquiries
- Handle difficult customers
- Handle customer/client complaints
- Adapt communication to the cultural and social differences among clients
- Develop rapport with customers

Economics

- Describe the concepts of economics and economic activities
- Determine economic utilities created by business activities
- Explain the principles of supply and demand
- Explain the types of economic systems
- Determine the relationship between government and business
- Explain the concept of private enterprise
- Identify factors affecting a business's profit
- Determine factors affecting business risk
- Explain the concept of competition
- Explain the role of business in society
- Explain the concept of economic resources
- Describe the functions of prices in markets
- Describe types of business activities

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Operations

- Plan project
- Explain the nature and scope of purchasing
- Explain the nature of operations
- Explain the concept of supply chain
- Monitor projects and take corrective actions
- Evaluate project success

Product/Service Management

- Generate product ideas
- Explain the nature and scope of the product/service management function
- Explain the concept of product mix
- Identify consumer protection provisions of appropriate agencies
- Describe the uses of grades and standards in marketing
- Explain warranties and guarantees
- Explain the nature of product/service branding
- Identify the impact of product life cycles on marketing decisions
- Explain business ethics in product/service management
- Describe the nature of product bundling
- Describe factors used by marketers to position products/services
- Identify methods/techniques to generate a product idea

Selling

- Explain the selling process
- Explain the nature and scope of the selling function
- Acquire product information for use in selling
- Explain the role of customer service as a component of selling relationships
- Explain legal and ethical considerations in selling
- Explain key factors in building a clientele
- Explain company selling policies

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Emotional Intelligence

- Demonstrate responsible behavior
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- Treat others with dignity and respect
- Explain reasons for ethical dilemmas
- Recognize and respond to ethical dilemmas
- Demonstrate fairness
- Build trust in relationships
- Foster open, honest communication

Financial Analysis

- Explain the role of finance in business
- Describe the need for financial information

Human Resources Management

- Discuss the nature of human resources management

Marketing-Information Management

- Explain the nature and scope of the marketing-information management function
- Explain the nature of marketing research
- Describe the need for marketing data
- Explain the role of ethics in marketing-information management
- Describe options businesses use to obtain marketing research data (i.e., primary and secondary)
- Describe methods used to design marketing research studies (i.e., descriptive, exploratory)
- Discuss the nature of sampling plans (i.e., who, how many, how chosen)
- Describe data-collection methods (e.g., observations, mail, diaries, telephone, internet)

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Marketing

- Explain marketing and its importance in a global economy
- Explain factors that influence customer/client/business buying behavior
- Discuss actions employees can take to achieve the company's desired results
- Demonstrate connections between company actions and results (e.g., influencing consumer buying)

Market Planning

- Explain the concept of marketing strategies
- Explain the concept of market and market identification
- Explain the nature of marketing plans
- Explain the role of situation analysis in the marketing planning process
- Explain the nature of sales forecasts

Information Management

- Identify ways that technology impacts business
- Assess information needs
- Obtain needed information efficiently
- Apply information to accomplish a task
- Discuss the nature of information management
- Draw conclusions based on information analysis

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Professional Development

- Make decisions
- Set personal goals
- Explain employment opportunities in marketing
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills
- Adhere to company protocols and policies
- Follow chain of command

Pricing

- Explain the nature and scope of the pricing function
- Explain factors affecting pricing decisions
- Describe the role of business ethics in pricing

Promotion

- Explain the role of promotion as a marketing function
- Explain the types of promotion (i.e., institutional, product)
- Identify the elements of the promotional mix
- Explain types of advertising media
- Explain the nature of direct marketing channels
- Describe the use of business ethics in promotion
- Identify communications channels used in sales promotion
- Explain communications channels used in public-relations activities

Strategic Management

- Explain the concept of management

Sample Questions

Which major marketing function communicates information to consumers about a business's products?

- A. Promotion
- B. Channel Management
- C. Product/Service Management
- D. Pricing

What type of software program allows business/people to combine graphics, transparencies, slides, and text for an on-screen display of information?

- A. Application
- B. Publishing
- C. Operating
- D. Presentation

A tornado destroyed a local business. This is an example of a(n) _____ risk.

- A. pure
- B. unisurable
- C. speculative
- D. predictable

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Sample Questions (continued)

Calculate the total amount of the sale, using a sales-tax rate of 6%:

2 shirts @ \$14.95 each

1 pair of jeans @ \$39.99 each

1 sweater @ \$21.55 each

- A. \$91.44
- B. \$95.94
- C. \$91.34
- D. \$96.93

Dan and Sarah are planning to open a business. Sarah is unable to devote full time to daily business operations but plans to provide financial support. Which form of business partnership would you suggest to Sarah?

- A. Open
- B. Close
- C. General
- D. Limited

While at work, employees see that a customer has been in an accident. The customer appears to be unconscious. What should they do?

- A. Take careful notes
- B. Start CPR
- C. Call 911
- D. Move victim to a more comfortable position

