Assignment 10 -- Deciding About Agile at Mighty Jaxx

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Writing Prompt 1:

I think the production function can benefit the most from implementing scrum/sprint methodologies because of the following reasons:

- 1. For Mighty Jaxx, the production process is the least free-flowing of all their functions. For the other processes, both require some human inspiration and improvisation, so for these functions, applying Scrum management would limit their free play and even lead to a loss of efficiency.
- 2. The production process requires clarifying the phases of requirements, planning, execution and evaluation. The best way to improving the efficiency of these phases is continuous iteration, which is what the Scrum methodology is all about. By using Scrum methodology, production teams can gradually find the most efficient production process, and also gain a more cooperative team.

Kanban may not be the best fit for a production function because the production process often involves repetitive and predictable tasks. Kanban is more suited to managing workflows with a high level of variability and unpredictability. In a production setting, the work is often repetitive and predictable, and there is typically a well-defined workflow that needs to be followed. Kanban's continuous improvement and constant flow of work may not be as applicable in this setting.

Writing Prompt 2:

I think the distribution function can benefit the most from implementing Kanban methodologies because of the following reasons:

- Kanban is useful in the distribution function because it can help to ensure that
 products are delivered on time and with high quality. By visualizing the workflow
 and identifying potential bottlenecks, Kanban can help to identify areas for
 improvement and optimize the distribution process. This can help to improve the
 speed and accuracy of deliveries, leading to higher customer satisfaction and
 loyalty.
- 2. Mighty Jaxx still relies heavily on distributors to distribute its products. Kanban provides a clear understanding of the distribution process, which helps the company create a more efficient and appropriate distribution model.

The Scrum/Sprint methodology is not so applicable because the distribution function is more about external communication and collaboration, while Scrum/Sprint is more about internal collaboration.

Writing Prompt 3:

Dear Jackson,

As your consultant, it is important for me to advise you to understand the confirmation biases when you consider a move to Agile in your organization.

This bias occurs when we actively seek out information that confirms our existing beliefs and ignore information that contradicts them. As you consider a move to Agile in your organization, you may search for information that supports your view and discount or ignore information that suggests the move is risky or overvalued. This bias can lead to a narrow and overly confident view of a situation, and can lead to significant errors in judgment.

To avoid falling into the trap of the confirmation bias, it's important to actively seek out diverse perspectives and information sources, and to question your own assumptions and beliefs. Consider seeking out people who have a different point of view and engage in productive dialogue with them. By doing so, you can help broaden your perspective and reduce the risk of being overly influenced by your existing beliefs.

Sincerely,

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