

FBLA Business Ethics Sample Questions

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Communication Skills

1. Active listening primarily involves:
 - a) Thinking of your response while the other person talks
 - b) Interrupting to clarify immediately
 - c) Paying full attention, showing understanding, and providing feedback
 - d) Avoiding eye contact to focus on words only
2. Fostering open, honest communication means:
 - a) Filtering information to protect feelings
 - b) Encouraging transparency and trust in exchanges
 - c) Only sharing positive feedback
 - d) Avoiding controversial topics entirely
3. Which is a sign of effective workplace communication?
 - a) Frequent misunderstandings
 - b) Clear, concise messages with active feedback
 - c) Use of excessive jargon
 - d) Avoiding written communication
4. Which action best supports honesty in communication?
 - a) Exaggerating achievements to motivate others
 - b) Providing accurate information even when unfavorable
 - c) Avoiding difficult conversations
 - d) Using vague language to prevent criticism
5. In ethical communication, feedback should be:
 - a) Timely, respectful, and constructive
 - b) Delayed until annual reviews
 - c) Focused only on problems
 - d) Given publicly for maximum impact

Self-Awareness

6. Emotional intelligence includes:
 - a) Suppressing all emotional responses
 - b) Recognizing, understanding, and managing emotions in oneself and others
 - c) Ignoring emotional cues from colleagues
 - d) Making decisions based only on facts
7. Overcoming personal biases starts with:
 - a) Avoiding people different from you
 - b) Recognizing stereotypes and challenging assumptions
 - c) Accepting stereotypes as facts
 - d) Ignoring diverse viewpoints

8. Assessing personal strengths and weaknesses helps:
 - a) Avoid feedback from others
 - b) Plan professional development effectively
 - c) Prevent new opportunities
 - d) Focus only on current skills
9. Which is an example of assessing personal values?
 - a) Identifying the salary you want in your next job
 - b) Determining which principles guide your decisions
 - c) Listing hobbies for a résumé
 - d) Tracking how much overtime you've worked
10. Ethical decision-making requires awareness of:
 - a) Risks and consequences of personal choices
 - b) Only legal restrictions
 - c) Peer opinions exclusively
 - d) Company profit margins

Doing the Right Thing

11. Integrity in business means:
 - a) Doing what's right even when it's difficult or unnoticed
 - b) Always following majority opinion
 - c) Putting profits before all other considerations
 - d) Avoiding responsibility for mistakes
12. Responsible behavior at work includes:
 - a) Ignoring deadlines that seem unreasonable
 - b) Meeting commitments and being accountable for results
 - c) Passing work to others without notice
 - d) Prioritizing personal tasks during business hours
13. Demonstrating fairness means:
 - a) Favoring certain employees for personal reasons
 - b) Applying rules and opportunities consistently
 - c) Ignoring company policy for friends
 - d) Giving benefits to the highest earners only
14. Taking responsibility for decisions involves:
 - a) Blaming circumstances or others when things go wrong
 - b) Admitting mistakes and working to correct them
 - c) Avoiding projects with risks
 - d) Delegating all decision-making
15. Building trust in relationships is best achieved by:
 - a) Keeping promises and being consistent
 - b) Avoiding difficult discussions
 - c) Only sharing information with close colleagues
 - d) Agreeing with everyone regardless of truth

16. An ethical dilemma occurs when:
- a) There is a clear and easy solution
 - b) Two or more ethical principles conflict
 - c) A law provides exact guidance
 - d) There are no consequences to actions
17. The spirit and intent of laws require:
- a) Following both the letter of the law and its purpose
 - b) Only doing what's minimally legal
 - c) Interpreting laws for personal gain
 - d) Ignoring regulations without penalties
18. Showing empathy in the workplace means:
- a) Agreeing with everyone's opinions
 - b) Understanding and respecting others' feelings and perspectives
 - c) Avoiding discussions about feelings
 - d) Providing solutions without listening
19. Responsible marketing of eco-friendly products requires:
- a) Highlighting only benefits and ignoring environmental costs
 - b) Accurate claims supported by evidence
 - c) Using vague slogans for broader appeal
 - d) Avoiding disclosure of production impacts
20. Responding to an ethical dilemma should involve:
- a) Acting quickly without gathering facts
 - b) Considering stakeholders, consequences, and values
 - c) Choosing the most profitable outcome
 - d) Following personal preference alone

Teamwork Skills

21. A good team member:
- a) Focuses only on personal success
 - b) Shares credit and responsibilities equally
 - c) Avoids giving feedback to others
 - d) Refuses to compromise
22. Treating others with dignity means:
- a) Using respectful language and behavior
 - b) Avoiding direct communication
 - c) Only acknowledging leaders' contributions
 - d) Publicly correcting mistakes
23. Positive working relationships are built by:
- a) Communicating respectfully and supporting team goals
 - b) Competing aggressively with teammates
 - c) Avoiding collaboration opportunities
 - d) Criticizing others' ideas without suggestions

24. Considering long-term value of actions means:
- a) Focusing only on immediate profits
 - b) Weighing future consequences for all stakeholders
 - c) Ignoring sustainability concerns
 - d) Minimizing customer input
25. Conflict resolution in teams should focus on:
- a) Assigning blame
 - b) Finding mutually beneficial solutions
 - c) Avoiding discussion
 - d) Voting without discussion

Leadership Skills

26. Leadership is best described as:
- a) Holding a title of authority
 - b) Influencing and guiding others toward shared goals
 - c) Controlling every aspect of a project
 - d) Avoiding delegation
27. Ethical leadership requires:
- a) Making decisions based solely on popularity
 - b) Acting with integrity and fairness while guiding others
 - c) Focusing only on legal compliance
 - d) Delegating all tough choices
28. Modeling ethical behavior means:
- a) Demonstrating the standards you expect from others
 - b) Setting high expectations without following them
 - c) Keeping personal ethics private
 - d) Adopting the majority opinion
29. A personal vision statement should:
- a) Define your long-term goals and guiding values
 - b) Focus only on current tasks
 - c) Be kept vague for flexibility
 - d) Avoid personal beliefs
30. Inspiring others often involves:
- a) Sharing a compelling vision and leading by example
 - b) Avoiding direct involvement
 - c) Giving orders without context
 - d) Offering only financial incentives
31. Achievement orientation in leadership emphasizes:
- a) Meeting short-term minimum goals
 - b) Striving for excellence and continuous improvement
 - c) Avoiding risks at all costs
 - d) Maintaining the status quo

32. Enlisting others in a shared vision means:
- a) Encouraging collaboration and ownership of goals
 - b) Keeping goals confidential
 - c) Assigning tasks without explanation
 - d) Focusing on individual achievement
33. Ethical leaders handling environmental claims should:
- a) Ensure claims are transparent and accurate
 - b) Use terms like “eco-friendly” without definition
 - c) Ignore manufacturing impacts in messaging
 - d) Avoid discussing sustainability
34. Leadership in ethical crises requires:
- a) Quick denial of allegations
 - b) Gathering facts, communicating clearly, and taking corrective action
 - c) Avoiding media contact
 - d) Prioritizing shareholder profit above ethics
35. Leading change ethically involves:
- a) Aligning new initiatives with organizational values and stakeholder input
 - b) Implementing changes without consultation
 - c) Focusing only on cost reduction
 - d) Ignoring environmental or social impacts

Career Readiness

36. Setting personal goals should involve:
- a) Broad, undefined ideas
 - b) Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound criteria
 - c) Only goals that are easy to reach
 - d) Avoiding deadlines
37. Following rules of conduct ensures:
- a) Consistency and professionalism
 - b) Flexibility for each individual’s style
 - c) Avoiding accountability
 - d) Reducing efficiency
38. Ethical decision-making in careers requires:
- a) Considering only personal gain
 - b) Balancing personal, organizational, and societal impacts
 - c) Avoiding unpopular choices
 - d) Following peer pressure
39. Problem-solving skills include:
- a) Identifying problems, analyzing causes, and implementing solutions
 - b) Acting without considering options
 - c) Focusing only on symptoms
 - d) Avoiding feedback after solutions are applied

40. Career readiness in ethics means:
- a) Being prepared to face dilemmas with integrity and sound judgment
 - b) Memorizing laws without applying them
 - c) Ignoring personal values
 - d) Delegating ethics to management

Applied Ethics Scenarios

41. A company marketing a product as “carbon neutral” must:
- a) Have credible evidence supporting the claim
 - b) Use vague language to avoid regulation
 - c) Focus only on offsets without reducing emissions
 - d) Ignore supply chain impacts
42. When an employee discovers a legal but unethical practice, they should:
- a) Ignore it since it’s legal
 - b) Report it through proper channels
 - c) Publicly post it on social media without context
 - d) Wait until others complain
43. In an interview, hiding a past mistake is:
- a) Acceptable if it’s not asked directly
 - b) Misleading and could be unethical
 - c) Necessary to secure the job
 - d) Encouraged to protect reputation
44. If a supplier uses child labor, the ethical action for a buyer is to:
- a) Ignore it to maintain cost advantage
 - b) Investigate and reconsider the relationship
 - c) Hide the information from customers
 - d) Negotiate lower prices
45. An environmental claim should be avoided if:
- a) The company has not yet verified its accuracy
 - b) It’s supported by scientific studies
 - c) It’s reviewed by legal counsel
 - d) It aligns with product testing results
46. A team leader takes full credit for a group’s success. This violates:
- a) Honesty and fairness
 - b) Confidentiality
 - c) Sustainability principles
 - d) Time management
47. Which safeguard could prevent misleading green marketing?
- a) Requiring independent environmental audits
 - b) Allowing unverified slogans
 - c) Using unregulated terminology
 - d) Avoiding transparency

48. A transparent sustainability report should:

- a) Include both successes and areas for improvement
- b) Highlight only positive achievements
- c) Avoid metrics to simplify reading
- d) Exclude supply chain data

49. A company that ignores environmental regulations risks:

- a) Legal penalties, reputational damage, and loss of trust
- b) Improved market share
- c) Reduced operating costs only
- d) Increased brand loyalty

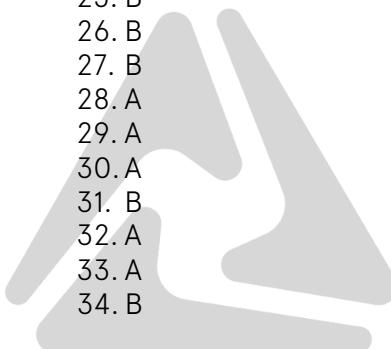
50. Ethical business culture is reinforced by:

- a) Clear policies, leadership example, and accountability
- b) Allowing each employee to set their own ethics
- c) Avoiding discussion of ethics
- d) Prioritizing profit over all else

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