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# Check Your Understanding

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Evaluate your learning by completing the following knowledge check items.

Multiple Choice

1/1 point (ungraded)

An organization decides to staff its IT department with contingent workers so the organization will not have to pay benefits to employees.

Which challenge may the organization have with using contingent workers?

- ☐ They withhold their own taxes for the government.
- ☐ They provide their own equipment.
- ☐ They provide their own insurance.
- ☒ They have low commitment to the organization.

Answer

Correct:  
Correct! A key challenge with using contingent workers is that they may have lower commitment to the organization compared to permanent employees, which can impact their engagement, productivity, and long-term contributions.

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Multiple Choice

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An employee notices unethical behavior from the person in charge of hiring contractors for a multimillion-dollar project. The employee decides to report the problem to the proper authorities.

Whom should the employee report the issue to?

- ☐ The board of directors
- ☐ Law enforcement
- ☒ The manager
- ☐ The press

Answer

Correct:  
Correct! Reporting the unethical behavior to the manager is appropriate as they are responsible for overseeing the relevant department and addressing issues related to employee conduct and project management.

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Multiple Choice

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A company is considering outsourcing its help desk activities but is worried about the issues associated with using an

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- ☐
- International Organization for Standardization/IEC 17025



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Answer

Correct:  
Correct! SSAE No. 16 is a certification that provides assurance about the effectiveness of internal controls at a service organization, making it the appropriate certification for evaluating outsourced vendors' internal controls.

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## Multiple Choice

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A junior software engineer discovers a company conspiracy to defraud the government. She hacks into a senior engineer’s workstation to preserve evidence and distributes that evidence to the press.

How would her actions be characterized?

- ☐ ethical/legal
- ☒ ethical/illegal
- ☐ unethical/legal
- ☐ unethical/illegal

Answer

Correct:  
Correct! The junior engineer's actions could be considered ethical due to the intent to expose a conspiracy, but hacking into a workstation and distributing evidence without authorization is illegal.

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