1.5 Motivation Theories: Taylor, Maslow, Herzberg and Job Design: 30-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided. Short answers may be brief sentences. For the longer 9-mark question write in full sentences and give a clear judgement. Show any working for calculations.

1 Define 'job rotation' and give one short example of how it could be used at GreenLeaf Cafe.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 GreenLeaf Cafe serves 120,000 customer covers per year. There are 25 staff in total expressed as full-time-equivalent workers. Calculate average annual covers per FTE worker. Show your working.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 Explain how Taylor's scientific management approach could be used to improve motivation and productivity among front-of-house staff at GreenLeaf Cafe. Use GreenLeaf Cafe context in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 To what extent would introducing job enrichment motivate staff at GreenLeaf Cafe? Make a clear judgement and use GreenLeaf Cafe context and theory to support your answer.

(Total for Question 4 is 9 marks)

5 GreenLeaf Cafe has 25 staff at the start of the year. Over the year 6 employees leave and need replacing. The cafe operates 360 days per year and reports that average daily covers per full-time-equivalent worker are unchanged. Using these figures for GreenLeaf Cafe, analyse the likely impact of this staff turnover on productivity, recruitment costs and customer service. Use the data in your answer.

(Total for Question 5 is 8 marks)

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Mark scheme · 1.5 Motivation Theories: Taylor, Maslow, Herzberg and Job Design: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

definition: moving employees between different tasks or roles to reduce boredom and broaden skills **B1**

Answer: Job rotation is moving employees through different tasks or roles to reduce boredom and develop skills. Example: rotating staff between front-of-house, barista and light food prep shifts.

Question 2

120,000 / 25 seen **M1**

computation 120,000 / 25 = 4,800 shown **M1**

4,800 covers per FTE per year cao **A1**

Answer: 4,800 covers per FTE per year.

Question 3

knowledge: identifies a Taylorist measure, e.g. time-and-motion study, standardised tasks or piece-rate pay **B1**

applied: links the measure to GreenLeaf Cafe, e.g. time studies could set standard times for taking orders and clearing tables **B1**

developed: explains how this could raise motivation/productivity, e.g. clear targets and pay incentives could encourage faster serving and higher output **B1**

Answer: Carry out time-and-motion studies and set standardised tasks and targets for order taking and table clearing at GreenLeaf Cafe; link these to small bonuses or piece-rate-related incentives. Clear standards and financial incentives give staff a measurable target and reward for faster, consistent performance, which can increase productivity and short-term motivation.

Question 4

Level 1 Offers simple, undeveloped claims about job enrichment, with little or no theory applied and no clear overall judgement. **1-3**

Level 2 Provides developed explanation linking job enrichment to motivation theory and GreenLeaf Cafe, discusses positive or negative impacts, but evaluation is partial or one-sided. **4-6**

Level 3 Balances analysis and evaluation: applies Herzberg, Maslow or other relevant theory to GreenLeaf Cafe, weighs benefits against limitations or costs, and reaches a clear, justified conclusion about the overall extent job enrichment would motivate staff. **7-9**

Indicative content:

- Explain how job enrichment can act as a motivator by increasing autonomy, responsibility and opportunities for achievement, linking to Herzberg's motivators and Maslow's higher-level needs such as esteem and self-actualisation.
- Apply to GreenLeaf Cafe with examples: giving baristas responsibility for stock ordering and rota planning, offering training and customer feedback opportunities, or letting experienced servers run a shift.
- Analyse likely benefits: increased job satisfaction, lower turnover, improved service quality and potential productivity gains due to greater intrinsic motivation.
- Consider limitations and costs: some staff may prefer routine tasks and feel stressed by extra responsibility; managers must train and monitor enriched roles, which takes time and money; small cafes may have limited scope to redesign jobs.
- Weigh evidence: for a staff group seeking development and recognition, enrichment is likely to be highly motivating; for staff primarily motivated by pay or predictable routines, enrichment may have limited effect. A justified recommendation might be to pilot enrichment with volunteers and combine it with hygiene improvements like fair pay.

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Question 5

knowledge: computes staff turnover = (6/25) x 100 = 24% and states this figure **B1**

applied: links 24% turnover to immediate effects on staffing, e.g. temporary understaffing or need to use agency staff **B1**

applied: identifies increased recruitment/training costs for replacing 6 employees and links to GreenLeaf context **B1**

analysis: explains how recruitment and training reduce short-term productivity, even if average daily covers per FTE remain unchanged over the year **B1**

analysis: explains potential negative effect on customer service quality from inexperienced staff or frequent changes, with examples such as slower service or mistakes **B1**

analysis: discusses possible longer-term effects, e.g. lower morale among remaining staff, higher manager workload, and risk of further turnover **B1**

analysis: quantifies or weighs trade-offs using the 24% figure, e.g. replacing nearly a quarter of staff in a year is significant for a small cafe and likely to raise costs materially **B1**

conclusion or judgement: provides a supported judgement about overall impact, e.g. turnover is likely to harm short-term productivity and customer service and increase costs unless managed **B1**

Answer: Staff turnover = (6/25) x 100 = 24%. A 24% annual turnover is high for a small cafe and means GreenLeaf must recruit and train nearly a quarter of its workforce, raising recruitment fees, vacancy costs and training time. Even though average daily covers per FTE are reported unchanged over the year, short-term productivity is likely to fall during recruitment and training periods, and the cafe may need agency or overtime cover, which is more expensive. Customer service may suffer from inexperienced staff, slower service and more mistakes, reducing customer satisfaction and potentially sales.
Remaining staff may face higher workloads and lower morale, which can further reduce productivity and increase the risk of further turnover. Overall, the 24% turnover is likely to increase costs and reduce service quality unless the cafe invests in retention and rapid induction.

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