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# Ethics and Professionalism (540)

**STATE 2025**  
**FINAL**

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ (100 points)

**Preparation Time: 20 minutes**

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

***Failure to adhere to any of the following rules will result in disqualification:***

1. Contestants must hand in this test booklet and all printouts if any.
2. No equipment, supplies, or materials other than those specified for this event are allowed in the testing area. No previous BPA tests and/or sample tests (handwritten, photocopied, or keyed) are allowed in the testing area.
3. Electronic devices will be monitored according to ACT standards.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Explore the application of ethical frameworks to various aspects used in business today.

**STATE FINAL SCENARIO:**

Sarah is a senior financial analyst at Digital Solutions. Recently, she was entrusted with confidential information about an upcoming merger between Digital Solutions and another large corporation. This information, once public, is expected to significantly impact the stock prices of both companies involved. While Sarah is strictly prohibited from using this information for personal gain, she realizes that purchasing stocks in these companies before the merger announcement could result in substantial financial profit.

Sarah's close friend, Lisa, often asks Sarah for financial advice. Lisa is currently facing severe financial difficulties due to unexpected medical expenses. Lisa confides in Sarah, telling her about her current financial situation and asking for financial advice to manage the situation. Sarah is torn between her loyalty to her friend and her professional and ethical obligations. She considers the idea of subtly hinting to Lisa about the merger without explicitly sharing the confidential information, thinking this could help Lisa financially without directly implicating herself or benefiting personally.

What should Sarah do?

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