

Contestant Number: _____

Time: _____

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Ethics and Professionalism (540)

STATE 2025
PRELIMINARY

TOTAL POINTS _____ (100 points)

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

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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 PRELIMINARY SCENARIO:

Jessica is a computer applications specialist at Digital Solutions. Digital Solutions has recently secured a significant contract with a new client, Ever Green Tech, to develop cutting-edge sustainability software. Jessica was selected as the lead on this project, which will result in a large financial bonus if she delivers the software on time and within budget.

During the project kickoff meeting, Jessica realizes that one of the key decision-makers at Ever Green Tech is her cousin, Mark. Jessica knows that disclosing this relationship could lead to potential conflicts of interest and her being removed from the project. However, she believes that keeping it a secret might expedite the decision-making process and help her meet tight project deadlines. It is highly unlikely that anyone will know that she and Mark are related anyway.

Should Jessica disclose her relationship with Mark to her superiors and risk being removed from the project, or should she keep it confidential and leverage her relationship to ensure project success and a big bonus?

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