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## QUESTION 1

### Scenario

Vericom is a leading provider of government, business and consumer telecommunication services, and is currently seeking ways in which to improve its utilization of IT services to drive growth across its multiple lines of business. One of the largest organizations in the United Kingdom, Vericom is comprised of the following business units:

Verinet (providing ADSL, cable, 3GSM, dialup and satellite services) Infrastructure Services (planning, installing and maintaining the PSTN and mobile network infrastructure)

VericomTV (Pay TV)

Consumer Sales and Marketing (including 400 Vericom retail outlets) Business and Government

Finance and Administration

Information Technology Services (Shared Service Unit, however some business units also have their own internal service provider) Human Resources

Vericom Wholesale (for wholesale of Vericom infrastructure services)

Due to the extensive scope of infrastructure deployed and large employee and customer base, Vericom continues to rely on legacy systems for some critical IT services; however this is seen as a barrier to future organizational growth and scalability of services offered. The CIO of Vericom has also raised the concern that while improvements to the technology utilized is important, this also needs to be supported by quality IT Service Management practices employed by the various IT departments.

The project of improving the IT Service Management practices employed by Vericom has been outsourced to external consultants who are aware of the major IT refresh that is going to be occurring over the next 24 months.

Refer to the scenario.

The Verinet business unit which provides internet services is currently facing increased competition from other Internet Service Providers seeking to entice Verinet customers away with offerings such as free VOIP (voice over internet protocol) and Naked DSL (unconditioned local loop). To combat this, Verinet wishes to develop a new marketing campaign highlighting the high quality and availability of services offered. Before this occurs, the Service Manager within Verinet (who has previously implemented ITIL in other organizations) had recommended implementing Event Management to assist in the continued ability for providing high quality, highly available internet services to the UK population. She has been faced by some resistance, who believe that it is not required as Capacity, Availability, Incident and Problem Management have already been implemented.

Which of the following would be the BEST response to the Verinet directors in describing the benefits of introducing Event Management to Verinet?



A. The implementation of Event Management to complement existing ITIL processes within Verinet will have a number of significant benefits. The value to the business of implementing the process is directly seen by the following benefits:  
Improved speed for Incident and Problem Management for identifying and analyzing the cause and potential effect  
Improved ratio of used licenses against paid for licenses  
Percentage re-use and redistribution of underutilized assets and resources  
Improved alignment between provided maintenance and business support  
Improvement in maintenance scheduling and management for CIs

B. The implementation of Event Management to complement existing ITIL processes within Verinet will have a number of significant benefits. The value to the business of implementing the process is generally indirect, but would support an enhanced ability to provide high quality and high availability internet services by:  
Providing mechanisms for the early detection of incidents and problems before they impact customers  
Notify the appropriate staff of status changes or exceptions so that they can respond quickly  
Providing a basis for automated operations, increasing efficiency and allowing human resources within Verinet to be better utilized  
Providing improved visibility as to the events and interactions that occur within the IT infrastructure  
Providing performance and utilization information and trends that can be used for improved capacity planning and system design

C. The implementation of Event Management to complement existing ITIL processes within Verinet will have a number of significant benefits. The value to the business of implementing the process is generally indirect, but would support an enhanced ability to provide high quality and high availability internet services by:  
Providing mechanisms for the early detection of incidents and problems before they impact customers  
Developing capabilities for the monitoring of critical components of the IT infrastructure for disruptions or breach of utilization thresholds  
Automating the notification of key staff when exception events occur  
Providing improved visibility as to the events and interactions that occur within the IT infrastructure  
Reducing the time requirements of manual activities performed by IT staff as part of preventative maintenance.

D. The implementation of Event Management to complement existing ITIL processes within Verinet will have a number of significant benefits. The value to the business of implementing the process is directly seen by the following benefits:  
Reduced SLA breaches  
Reduced times required for diagnosis and root-cause analysis of problems  
Reducing ratio of high priority incidents  
Reduced Mean Time to Restore (MTTR) for incidents  
Improved availability levels  
Improved delivery of capacity and performance, with fewer capacity related incidents.

Correct Answer: B

## QUESTION 2

What is the best definition of an Incident Model?

- A. A type of incident involving an authorized Configuration Item (CI)
- B. The template used by Service Desk analysts to record incidents
- C. A set of pre-defined steps to be followed when dealing with a known type of incident
- D. An Incident that is easy is solved at first contact

Correct Answer: C

## QUESTION 3

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As part of the major refresh of IT systems, it has been agreed that the existing ITIL processes of Incident and Problem Management are not performing adequately. Recent surveys indicate that:

A high percentage of incidents are being escalated to second line support staff. There is inconsistency in the knowledge captured for diagnosing and resolving incidents and problems. Problem Management is predominantly reactive and typically only executed when a large volume of incidents are identified to be of a common root cause. There is little handover of knowledge (including documentation of Known Errors) for many releases deployed, creating significant workloads for the support groups in the weeks following deployment.

Which of the following responses BEST represents the way in which you would seek to improve the situation?

A. You understand the need to review current practices, so you compare current practices against those described in the ITIL volume of Service Operation. You perform a gap analysis, and realize most of the issues relate to inadequate knowledge capture and sharing. You focus on improving this by: Reviewing the tools and systems used, and develop a business case for acquiring new Knowledge Management Software to be used by the IT division. Creating rules for the escalation of incident and problems so that higher level support groups are not overloaded. Improving the level of documentation and knowledge capture by running incentive programs rewarding staff for the number of contributions made to the knowledge base. Conducting training on how to use the refreshed Incident and Problem Management processes. Developing performance metrics to be reviewed for Incident and Problem Management.

B. You communicate the need to review the situation, inviting various stakeholders from the IT departments and



other business units to discuss the issues at hand. Your main concern is the lack of communication between various IT groups, so to improve this you focus on: Improving the Release Policy to be adhered to by the various Release and Deployment teams, stating the documentation and knowledge transfer requirements for the different types of releases performed. Developing guidelines, procedures and associated incentives for the capture of knowledge relating to incidents, problems and general service requests. Conducting training and awareness sessions on the requirements for documentation and knowledge capture. Rotating developers and second line staff through the Service Desk every three months. Develop consistency in the Early Life Support provided by design/specialist staff for major releases. Improving the interfaces between Incident and Problem Management, particularly those around escalation and problem detection. Scheduling regular Proactive Problem Management reviews, which will look at trends in incidents and problems, and to identify vulnerable infrastructure components. Developing metrics that will be used to evaluate the value and performance of the Incident and Problem Management processes.

C. You understand the need for compliance to the defined processes, as currently many staff do not follow prescribed guidelines and procedures. Your efforts focus on improving compliance to the Incident and Problem Management processes by: Auditing the processes, seeking where exceptions to defined procedures occur. Running awareness sessions to communicate the value and importance of the processes in place. Modifying existing systems and tools so that improve compliance to existing processes. Evaluating which groups are underperforming to identify any training that needs to occur.

D. You communicate the need to understand more about the current issues, so you invite the Service Desk, Incident, Problem and Release and Deployment managers to a meeting to review the situation. Your main concern is the lack of documentation and knowledge being recorded by various IT groups, so to improve this you focus on: Defining the requirements for knowledge capture and transfer (including Known Errors) so that all communication is improved. Improving the tools and systems used for by the various groups for knowledge capture and transfer. Creating rules for the escalation of incident and problems so that higher level support groups are not overloaded. Develop consistency in the Early Life Support provided by design/specialist staff for major releases. Assigning responsibility to the lead infrastructure architect to oversee Proactive Problem Management. Conducting training on how to use the refreshed Incident and Problem Management processes. Rotating Service Desk staff through higher level support teams every three months. Developing performance metrics to be reviewed for Incident and Problem Management.

Correct Answer: B

#### QUESTION 4

##### Scenario

Brewster's is a toy factory that has been in business for 30 years. The company started with a small family run shop and has grown consistently over the years. They are now supplying toy stores nationwide and are considered to be the primary supplier of children's collectable novelty erasers.

Brewster's IT department is relatively small (currently 15 staff) but efficient. They have recently employed an IT Manager in an attempt to improve the management of the infrastructure, as well as more effective use of resources and identification of areas for improvement.

The Brewster's management teams do not have a lot of IT knowledge. The newly appointed IT Manager is very ITIL focused and wants to implement as many ITSM processes as is appropriate. There are currently no formal processes in place. On starting with the company the IT Manager completed an internal assessment of the IT infrastructure including staff skills analysis, and collated the results from customer satisfaction



surveys completed over the last 5 years.

The main areas of concern are as follows:

Responses from customer satisfaction survey:

Overall a consistent satisfaction level. However, responses completed during the past 12 months show an increase in customers who were unsatisfied with call waiting times when contacting the service desk for help with online orders and requests for information.

Customers added the following additional comments:

"Never get to speak to the same person twice when dealing with an Incident number, had to call several times to receive follow up on progress" "Some of the Service Desk staff seem under qualified to deal with my questions about new applications/incidents/service requests"

Results from Staff Skills Analysis:

Staff, in general, have a good knowledge of IT systems and a basic understanding of the business processes and objectives. However, staff are not well informed of upcoming releases of new or changed services and not given adequate information to relay to the customers.

Staff added the following additional comments:

"Communication between Service Operation departments has become inefficient - there are meetings for the sake of meetings, but the important information we need to know to do our day to day jobs is lacking"

"I still don't know what half of the people do, that work in the IT department!"

Results from General IT Infrastructure assessment:

Lack of event monitoring and planning

Lack of input from Operational Support departments into Service Design Lack of skill and information sharing across the Operational Support teams with regards to Incident, Problem, Workarounds and Known Error data. Little to no proactive activities being carried out.

Refer to Scenario

Which of the following options would be the most effective option to address the issues identified from the General IT Infrastructure assessment?

A. You decide to recommend implementation of the Event Management process to formalize the event monitoring, planning and overall management. Ensure that there is resource sharing between the Service Design teams and the Operational Support teams as their input is necessary to ensure services are designed that will work efficiently in the live environment. In addition, implement the Problem Management process at the same time, to ensure there are both reactive and proactive activities taking place with regards to Problems, a knowledge bank of information including



known errors,workarounds, problems and incident records is producedand maintained.

B. You are not concerned with the lack of skill sharingbetween the Operational Support departments andService Design as they are two separate entities of theService Lifecycle with their own objectives. You areconcerned, however, with the lack of skill sharing betweenthe Operational Support teams and decide to formalize the1st, 2nd and 3rd lines of support and recommend theadoption of a database that will incorporate all Incidentrecords, Problem records, Known Error records,Workarounds and Event information, so that all staff canhave access to and use this information.

C. You are not concerned with the lack of skill sharingbetween the Operational Support departments andService Design as they are two separate entities of theService Lifecycle with their own objectives. You areconcerned, however, with the lack of Event monitoring andplanning and foresee this as being a potential major issue.You decide to recommend implementation of the EventManagement process to formalize the event monitoring,planning and overall management. Ensure that there isresource sharing between the Service Design teams andthe Operational Support teams as their input is necessaryto ensure services are designed that will work efficiently inthe live environment.

D. Implement the Problem Management process, to ensurethere are both reactive and proactive activities taking placewith regards to Problems, a knowledge bank of informationincluding known errors, workarounds, problems andincident records is produced and maintained. Once this process is established, working efficiently andstaff have become more accustomed to this new way ofworking, use this success to recommend theimplementation of the Event Management process.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 5

Functions are best described as?

- A. Self-Contained units of organizations
- B. Inter-related activities with a defined goal or output
- C. Closed loop control systems
- D. A team of IT staff who provide a single point of contact for all user communication

Correct Answer: B

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