



PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM EVENT

CAREER CLUSTER
Hospitality and Tourism

INSTRUCTIONAL AREA
Operations

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

This event is presented to you through your review of the Career Competencies, Performance Indicators and Event Situation.

You have up to 10 minutes to review this information and prepare your presentation. Using the materials provided, you may make notes to use during your presentation.

You will have up to 10 minutes to present to the judge(s).

You will be evaluated on your solution to the event situation, how you incorporate the performance indicators of this event and how you demonstrate the career competencies.

Turn in all your notes and event materials when you have completed the event.

SOLUTION

- Unique – Demonstrate original thinking, fresh perspectives and an insightful approach.
- Practical – Develop an actionable/viable solution in a real-world context.
- Effective – Develop a solution that achieves relevant outcomes.

CAREER COMPETENCIES

- Critical Thinking – Think critically to understand and solve problems.
- Communication – Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason.
- Decision Making – Consider the impacts of decisions.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Explain the nature of operations.
- Describe health and safety regulations in business.
- Maintain a safe work environment.
- Explain routine security precautions.

EVENT SITUATION

You are to assume the role of an employee at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO, a local tourist attraction that has acres of young animals for children to interact with and feed. You must explain to a customer (judge) why the tourist attraction has safety and security rules.

LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO is home to many small animals in secured outdoor areas. Visitors can walk through the petting zoo and enter the secured areas to have hands-on experiences with the animals. A customer (judge) does not understand why there are strict rules at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO. The customer (judge) wants to drop off children at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO rather than accompany them and also wants to bring in their own food for the animals.

Two of LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO's rules state: all children must be accompanied by an adult and only the food provided by LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO can be fed to the animals.

You must explain basic safety and security rules to the customer (judge). You must explain how operational safety and security keep the animals and customers safe.

You will present the information to the customer (judge) in a role-play to take place at the zoo. The customer (judge) will begin the role-play by greeting you and asking about the rules. After you have explained the information and have answered the customer's (judge's) questions, the customer (judge) will conclude the role-play by thanking you for your work.

JUDGE INSTRUCTIONS

JUDGE CHARACTERIZATION

You are to assume the role of a customer at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO, a local tourist attraction that has acres of young animals for children to interact with and feed. An employee (participant) must explain to you why the tourist attraction has safety and security rules.

LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO is home to many small animals in secured outdoor areas. Visitors can walk through the petting zoo and enter the secured areas to have hands-on experiences with the animals. You do not understand why there are strict rules at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO. You want to drop off children at LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO rather than accompany them and also want to bring in your own food for the animals.

Two of LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO's rules state: all children must be accompanied by an adult and only the food provided by LITTLE ONES PETTING ZOO can be fed to the animals.

The employee (participant) must explain basic safety and security rules. The employee (participant) must explain how operational safety and security keep the animals and customers safe.

The participant will present information to you in a role-play to take place in at the zoo. You will begin the role-play by greeting the participant and asking to hear about the rules.

During the course of the role-play, you are to ask the following questions of each participant:

1. What are the safety or security rules that keep employees safe?
2. Where should businesses post the safety and security rules?

Once the employee (participant) has presented information and has answered your questions, you will conclude the role-play by thanking the employee (participant) for the work.

You are not to make any comments after the event is over except to thank the participant.

EVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The participants are to be evaluated on their solution and ability to apply the specific performance indicators stated on the cover sheet of this event and restated on the Judge's Evaluation Form. Although the participants may demonstrate other performance indicators, those listed in the Performance Indicators section are the selected ones you are evaluating for this particular event.
- Maintain a consistent expectation when evaluating each participant.
- The maximum score for the evaluation is 100 points. The presentation will be weighted twice (2 times) the exam score.

Levels of Evaluation

FOCUS AREA	NOVICE	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
Content Understanding	Demonstrates a limited or inaccurate understanding of key concepts.	Demonstrates a basic understanding of key concepts.	Demonstrates a solid understanding of key concepts and clearly explains and supports ideas using appropriate evidence.	Demonstrates comprehensive understanding of concepts and applies them effectively to solve the scenario, including in more complex or extended contexts.
Application of Performance Indicators and Career Competencies	Lists the performance indicators and career competencies, but understanding is incomplete or inaccurate.	Defines the performance indicators and career competencies, but does not connect them to solve the objective of the case study scenario.	Explains the performance indicators and career competencies and connects them to solve the objective of the case study scenario.	Strategically applies the performance indicators and career competencies and connects them to comprehensively solve the objective of the case study scenario.
Reasoning	Ideas are unclear, inaccurate, or lack logical support. There is no application of the ideas and concept.	Ideas are present and somewhat logical but contain gaps in reasoning, development, or supporting evidence.	Ideas are logical, well-developed, and supported with appropriate evidence, with only minor gaps.	Ideas are logical, well-supported using appropriate business concept and theories and demonstrates reasoning with clear practicality and real-world relevance.
Workplace Readiness	Participants represent an employee who requires significant guidance and support to complete tasks.	Participants represent an employee who demonstrates basic skills and can complete routine tasks with some guidance.	Participants represent an employee with solid skills and who works independently to complete tasks effectively.	Participants represent an employee with advanced skills, works independently, and adapts effectively to new or unpredictable challenges.



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JUDGE'S EVALUATION FORM ASSOCIATION EVENT 1

Participant: _____

ID Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONAL AREA: Operations

Rate the participant's ability to:		Novice	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary	Judged Score
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS						
1.	Explain the nature of operations.	0-1-2-3	4-5-6-7	8-9-10-11	12	
2.	Describe health and safety regulations in business.	0-1-2-3	4-5-6-7	8-9-10-11	12	
3.	Maintain a safe work environment.	0-1-2-3	4-5-6-7	8-9-10-11	12	
4.	Explain routine security precautions.	0-1-2-3	4-5-6-7	8-9-10-11	12	
SOLUTION						
5.	Unique Demonstrate original thinking, fresh perspectives and an insightful approach.	0-1-2	3-4-5	6-7	8	
6.	Practical Develop an actionable/viable solution in a real-world context.	0-1-2	3-4-5	6-7	8	
7.	Effective Develop a solution that achieves relevant outcomes.	0-1-2	3-4-5	6-7	8	
CAREER COMPETENCIES						
8.	Critical Thinking Think critically to understand and solve problems.	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	
9.	Communication Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason.	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	
10.	Decision Making Consider the impacts of decisions.	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	
OVERALL IMPRESSION						
11.	Demonstrate overall career readiness through professionalism, poise and confidence.	0-1-2-3	4-5-6	7-8-9	10	
TOTAL SCORE						