



### EXAM INFORMATION

This exam was developed to enable schools to award credit to students for knowledge equivalent to that learned by students taking the course. This exam covers topics including economic issues; international business; government and business; business ownership; entrepreneurship and franchise; management process; human resource management; production and operations; marketing management; financial management; risk management and insurance; and management and information systems.

The exam contains 100 questions to be answered in 2 hours.

**Form Codes:** SS543, ST543, SY543, SZ543

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### CREDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated the DSST test development process and content of this exam. It has made the following recommendations:

**Area or Course Equivalent:** Introduction to Business

**Level:** Lower-level baccalaureate

**Amount of Credit:** 3 Semester Hours

**Minimum Score:** 400

**Source:** [www.acenet.edu](http://www.acenet.edu)

## EXAM CONTENT OUTLINE

The following is an outline of the content areas covered in the examination. The approximate percentage of the examination devoted to each content area is also noted.

### **I. Foundations of Business – 30%**

- a. Forms of Business Ownership
- b. Government Intervention
- c. Economics of Business
- d. Entrepreneurship

### **II. Functions of Business – 50%**

- a. Management
- b. Marketing
- c. Finance
- d. Accounting
- e. Production and Operations
- f. Management Information Systems
- g. Human Resources

### **III. Business and Social Responsibility – 20%**

- a. Business Ethics and Social Responsibility
- b. Global Business Environment

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## REFERENCES

Below is a list of reference publications that were either used as a reference to create the exam, or were used as textbooks in college courses of the same or similar title at the time the test was developed. You may reference either the current edition of these titles or textbooks currently used at a local college or university for the same class title. It is recommended that you reference more than one textbook on the topics outlined in this fact sheet.

You should begin by checking textbook content against the content outline provided before selecting textbooks that cover the test content from which to study.

Sources for study material are suggested but not limited to the following:

1. *Understanding Business*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2022, William Nickels, Jim McHugh and Susan McHugh, McGraw-Hill.
  2. *Business Essentials*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2022, Ronald J. Ebert and Ricky W. Griffin, Pearson.
  3. *Foundations of Business*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2023, William Pride, Cengage Learning.
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## SAMPLE QUESTIONS

All test questions are in a multiple-choice format, with one correct answer and three incorrect options. The following are samples of the types of questions that may appear on the exam.

1. Assets are defined as
  - a. everything a company owns.
  - b. everything a company owes.
  - c. a company's profits.
  - d. the total of a company's equity capital.
  
2. Business people who support involvement in social problems for humanitarian reasons usually believe that business
  - a. is responsible for most of society's problems.
  - b. fulfills its social obligation by supplying jobs to millions of people.
  - c. must follow the example of Andrew Carnegie.
  - d. must put something back into the society from which it profits.
  
3. Which of the following is a TRUE statement about a job specification?
  - a. It describes the qualifications required of a worker.
  - b. It details the job's objectives.
  - c. It sets forth the relationship of the job to other jobs being performed within the firm.
  - d. It describes the working environment of the job.
  
4. All employees are required to join the union and pay dues in which of the following types of shop?
  - a. An open shop
  - b. A union shop
  - c. An agency shop
  - d. A closed shop
  
5. Since both drive up the cost of imported goods, there is little difference between import quotas and
  - a. embargoes.
  - b. sanctions.
  - c. tariffs.
  - d. dumping.
  
6. In order to cover risk, an insurance company must have a sufficient number of policyholders to do which of the following?
  - a. Examine the risk
  - b. Estimate probable loss
  - c. Construct actuarial tables
  - d. Average out the risk
  
7. Demand deposits are also known as
  - a. credit cards.
  - b. charge accounts.
  - c. savings accounts.
  - d. checking accounts.
  
8. The interest rate that banks charge their best corporate customers is the
  - a. prime rate.
  - b. discount rate.
  - c. credit rate.
  - d. commercial rate.

Answers to sample questions:

1-A, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-C, 6-D, 7-D, 8-A