

Chapter 6 Legal and Ethical Issues

Section 6.2 Social Responsibilities and Ethics

Review Key Concepts

1. These benefits simplify employees' lives and aid them in times of difficulty, so they increase the chances that employees will remain at a job. They are helpful to businesses because they have less employee turnover. The businesses' reputation is improved because they are seen as being concerned with the welfare of their workers.
2. In the marketplace, businesses provide information, employ self-censorship, and respond to consumer concerns. In the community, businesses support community efforts (e.g., sponsor sports teams, food drives, and so on.), contribute money to worthy causes, and promote sustainable development.
3. Business ethics are guidelines for good behavior. Ethical businesses are honest and fair with everyone—workers, consumers, and the communities in which they operate.

Practice Academics

Social Studies

4. Accept all reasonable reports that reflect adequate research of the Privacy Act. Students might learn that even they may have to comply with the Privacy Act if they collect information about others on their own computers or do so for an employer. According to the government's Web site, "Agency and bureau managers, Privacy Act Officers, systems managers—and you" are responsible for complying with the law. Instances of when privacy is an ethical issue includes when an employee knows proprietary information, such as the markup on products or the profit made by a privately owned company. In both these instances, the employee should not divulge such information to others. Accept other reasonable ethical privacy examples.

Mathematics

5. A line graph would most appropriate. It would clearly indict theft over time and show how it had declined over the last six months.