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Management – Objectives, Process, Function, Roles, Definition of Business Ethics, Ethics for Manager, Indian Values & Ethics

1.1. Meaning & Nature of Management

Key Points

- Management as a purposive, coordinated process
- Effectiveness vs. efficiency as twin quality criteria
- Levels of management and shifting skill emphasis
- Interdependence of functions and continuous learning

Explanation

Management as a purposive, coordinated process: Management converts scarce resources into stakeholder value through the coordinated cycle of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Management converts scarce resources into stakeholder value through the coordinated cycle of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Management converts scarce resources into stakeholder value through the coordinated cycle of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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Top, middle, and frontline managers share core responsibilities but differ in time horizons and the mix of conceptual, human, and technical skills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Top, middle, and frontline managers share core responsibilities but differ in time horizons and the mix of conceptual, human, and technical skills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Top, middle, and frontline managers share core responsibilities but differ in time horizons and the mix of conceptual, human, and technical skills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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Functions reinforce each other in a feedback loop—control informs planning; staffing enables organizing; directing animates all other functions. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this

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1.2. Objectives of Management

Key Points

- Organizational objectives: survival, growth, profitability, leadership
- Social objectives: quality, fairness, sustainability
- Personal objectives: meaningful work, development, recognition
- Balancing objectives under constraints and uncertainty

Explanation

1.2.1. Organizational objectives

Survival, growth, profitability, leadership:

Organizational objectives anchor resource allocation and risk appetite; they define what 'winning' means at different stages of the lifecycle. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Organizational objectives anchor resource allocation and risk appetite; they define what 'winning' means at different stages of the lifecycle. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Organizational objectives anchor resource allocation and risk appetite; they define what 'winning' means at different stages of the lifecycle. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the

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Quality, fairness, sustainability:

Social objectives build legitimacy by respecting rights, protecting the environment, and contributing to community well-being. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Social objectives build legitimacy by respecting rights, protecting the environment, and contributing to community well-being. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Social objectives build legitimacy by respecting rights, protecting the environment, and contributing to community well-being. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.3. The Management Process – POSDC

Key Points

- Planning
- Organizing
- Staffing
- Directing
- Controlling

Core Functions (The POSDC Model)

Function	Key Question	Core Activities	Output
Planning	What should be achieved and how?	Vision to action; goal-setting (SMART); policies, procedures, budgets; risk planning	Plans & budgets
Organizing	How to structure resources?	Job design; departmentation; span of control; authority–responsibility; coordination mechanisms	Organization structure

Staffing	Who will do the work?	Manpower planning; recruitment & selection; training; performance appraisal; career planning	Competent, motivated workforce
Directing	How to energize people?	Leadership, motivation, communication, supervision	High engagement & execution
Controlling	Are we on track?	Standards; measurement; variance analysis; corrective action; feedback to planning	Assured goal achievement

Explanation

1.3.1. Planning: Planning sets direction through purpose, goals, strategies, budgets, risk registers, and milestones. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Planning sets direction through purpose, goals, strategies, budgets, risk registers, and milestones. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Planning sets direction through purpose, goals, strategies, budgets, risk registers, and milestones. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.4. Planning in Practice

Key Points

- Mission, vision, values as planning bedrock
- SMART goals, strategies, and budgets
- Risks, contingencies, and leading indicators
- MBO/OKRs and learning-focused reviews

Explanation

1.4.1. Mission, vision, values as planning bedrock: Clarity of purpose stabilizes priorities when circumstances are volatile or pressure is intense. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Clarity of purpose stabilizes priorities when circumstances are volatile or pressure is intense. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore

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1.5. Organizing Work and Authority

Key Points

- Choosing structural archetypes (functional, divisional, matrix, network)
- Authority, responsibility, accountability, and delegation
- Centralization vs. decentralization—fit to task
- Coordination mechanisms: rules, plans, liaison, teams, culture

Explanation

1.5.1. Choosing structural archetypes (functional, divisional, matrix, network): Structure follows strategy and interdependence; pick the least complex form that will deliver the mission. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Structure follows strategy and interdependence; pick the least complex form that will deliver the mission. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Structure follows strategy and interdependence; pick the least complex form that will deliver the mission. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances

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1.5.2. Authority, responsibility, accountability, and delegation: Delegation pushes decision rights to the point of action while preserving accountability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Delegation pushes decision rights to the point of action while preserving accountability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Delegation pushes decision rights to the point of action while preserving accountability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.5.4. Coordination mechanisms: rules, plans, liaison, teams, culture: Use multiple coordination levers; when interdependence is high, increase real-time communication and mutual adjustment. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning

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1.6. Staffing and Capability Building

Key Points

- Workforce planning and skill-gap analysis
- Fair recruitment and selection (structured, job-relevant)
- Onboarding, training, mentoring, and capability systems
- Performance, rewards, careers, and inclusion

Explanation

1.6.1. Workforce planning and skill-gap analysis: Plan talent like capital: forecast demand, build pipelines, and develop critical skills early. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Plan talent like capital: forecast demand, build pipelines, and develop critical skills early. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Plan talent like capital: forecast demand, build pipelines, and develop critical skills early. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.6.3. Onboarding, training, mentoring, and capability systems: Convert training into capability by linking learning with real projects and feedback. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Convert training into capability by linking learning with real projects and feedback. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Convert training into capability by linking learning with real projects and feedback. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.6.4. Performance, rewards, careers, and inclusion: Align rewards with desired behaviours; build inclusive systems that unlock diverse potential. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Align rewards with

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1.7. Directing: Leading, Motivating, Communicating

Key Points

- Adaptive leadership styles and credibility (competence, character, care)
- Motivation lenses: hygiene vs. motivators, expectancy, equity, goals
- Communication architecture: up, down, lateral, diagonal
- Supervision and psychological safety

Explanation

1.7.1. Adaptive leadership styles and credibility (competence, character, care): Leaders match style to context and earn trust by being competent, honest, and caring. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Leaders match style to context and earn trust by being competent, honest, and caring. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Leaders match style to context and earn trust by being competent, honest, and caring. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.7.2. Motivation lenses: hygiene vs. motivators, expectancy, equity, goals: Blend theories pragmatically: remove hygiene frictions, strengthen expectancy links, and set challenging goals

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1.7.4. Supervision and psychological safety: Safety to speak up prevents errors from becoming accidents; supervision supports, not surveils. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Safety to speak up prevents

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1.8. Control and Learning Systems

Key Points

- Input, process, output, and behavioural controls
- Few, visible, stable standards; timely measures
- Variance analysis and root-cause correction
- After-action reviews and institutional learning

Explanation

1.8.1. Input, process, output, and behavioural controls: Controls protect purpose and should be designed into work rather than bolted on. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Controls protect purpose and should be designed into work rather than bolted on. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Controls protect purpose and should be designed into work rather than bolted on. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.9. Decision-Making in Management Practice

Key Points

- Correct framing and objective clarity
- Option generation and evidence testing
- Bias awareness and dissent mechanisms
- Staged decisions: pilots, prototypes, and safe-to-fail experiments

Explanation

1.9.1. Correct framing and objective clarity: Precise framing avoids solving the wrong problem; objectives and constraints must be explicit and shared. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Precise framing avoids solving the wrong problem; objectives and constraints must be explicit and shared. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Precise framing avoids solving the wrong problem; objectives and constraints must be explicit and shared. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.9.2. Option generation and evidence testing: Managers generate multiple alternatives, assess consequences, and test assumptions with cheap experiments. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Managers generate

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1.10. Managerial Roles (Mintzberg) – From Awareness to Mastery

Key Points

- Interpersonal roles: figurehead, leader, liaison
- Informational roles: monitor, disseminator, spokesperson
- Decisional roles: entrepreneur, disturbance handler, resource allocator, negotiator
- Role-switching discipline across a fragmented day

Cluster	Roles	Examples
Interpersonal	Figurehead, Leader, Liaison	Ceremonial duties; motivating team; networking across units
Informational	Monitor, Disseminator, Spokesperson	Scanning environment; sharing updates; representing the firm outside
Decisional	Entrepreneur, Disturbance handler, Resource allocator, Negotiator	Process improvements; crisis response; budgeting; bargaining deals

Explanation

1.10.1. Interpersonal roles: figurehead, leader, liaison: Interpersonal roles maintain legitimacy, cohesion, and networks that enable coordination. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Interpersonal roles maintain legitimacy, cohesion, and networks that enable coordination. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Interpersonal roles maintain

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1.10.2. Informational roles: monitor, disseminator, spokesperson: Informational roles convert scattered signals into shared understanding and credible external voice. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Informational roles convert scattered signals into shared understanding and credible external voice. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Informational roles convert scattered signals into shared understanding and credible external voice. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.11. Business Ethics – From Principle to Policy

Key Points

- Why ethics: dignity, trust, legitimacy, performance
- Moral lenses: consequences, duties/rights, virtues, justice, care
- L-R-T-F-S decision screen in practice
- From codes to culture: reporting channels and consistent enforcement

Explanation

1.11.1. Why ethics: dignity, trust, legitimacy, performance: Ethics is intrinsic to respect for persons and instrumental to low-friction cooperation and brand resilience. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Ethics is intrinsic to respect for persons and instrumental to low-friction cooperation and brand resilience. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Ethics is intrinsic to respect for persons and instrumental to low-friction cooperation and brand resilience. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract

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1.11.2. Moral lenses: consequences, duties/rights, virtues, justice, care: No single theory suffices; triangulate among outcomes, duties, character, fairness, and responsiveness to vulnerability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. No single theory suffices; triangulate among outcomes, duties, character, fairness, and responsiveness to vulnerability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. No single theory suffices; triangulate among outcomes, duties, character, fairness, and responsiveness to vulnerability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.11.4. From codes to culture: reporting channels and consistent enforcement: Policies must be lived: leaders model behaviour; breaches face consequences regardless of rank. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Policies must be lived: leaders model behaviour; breaches face consequences regardless of rank. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Policies must be lived: leaders model behaviour; breaches face consequences regardless of rank. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.12. Ethics for Managers – Common Dilemmas

Key Points

- Conflicts of interest and recusal
- Gifts, hospitality, and appearance of influence
- Data privacy and responsible analytics
- Fair marketing and anti-greenwashing
- Supply-chain due diligence for labour and environment
- Accurate finance and auditor independence

Explanation

1.12.1. Conflicts of interest and recusal: Disclose relationships, avoid self-dealing, and record decision processes to preserve trust. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Disclose relationships, avoid self-dealing, and record decision processes to preserve trust. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Disclose relationships, avoid self-dealing, and record decision processes to preserve trust. In practice, this requires managers to translate

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1.12.2. Gifts, hospitality, and appearance of influence: Respect thresholds, log gifts, and decline where influence or its appearance is plausible. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Respect thresholds, log gifts, and decline where influence or its appearance is plausible. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Respect thresholds, log gifts, and decline where influence or its appearance is plausible. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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1.12.4. Fair marketing and anti-greenwashing: Claims must be truthful, proportionate, and substantiated; avoid exploiting vulnerable audiences. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review

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1.13. Indian Values in Contemporary Management

Key Points

- Dharma: duty and right action
- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: stakeholder orientation
- Trusteeship: profit with purpose
- Satyam & Ahimsa: truth and non-harm
- Jugaad with integrity: frugal, lawful, safe innovation

Explanation

1.13.1. Dharma: duty and right action: Dharma guides fair decisions under pressure by reminding managers of role responsibilities and moral boundaries. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Dharma guides fair decisions under pressure by reminding managers of role responsibilities and moral boundaries. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Dharma guides fair decisions under pressure by reminding managers of role responsibilities and moral boundaries. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.13.2. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: stakeholder orientation: Treat all stakeholders as part of one family to build durable relationships and legitimacy. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because

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1.13.3. Trusteeship: profit with purpose: Use power and wealth as a trust for social uplift; CSR becomes stewardship rather than optics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use power and wealth as a trust for social uplift; CSR becomes stewardship rather than optics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use power and wealth as a trust for social uplift; CSR becomes stewardship rather than optics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.13.4. Satyam & Ahimsa: truth and non-harm: Insist on accurate reporting and safety-first choices even when shortcuts seem tempting. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Insist on accurate reporting and safety-first choices even when shortcuts seem tempting. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as

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1.14. Global/IBE Linkages

Key Points

- Legal/regulatory diversity and compliance by design
- Cultural intelligence and respectful localization
- Exchange-rate and pricing risks with ethical finance
- Global consistency of core standards

Explanation

1.14.1. Legal/regulatory diversity and compliance by design: Anchor to universal principles while complying locally; avoid regulatory arbitrage that exploits weaker protections. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Anchor to universal principles while complying locally; avoid regulatory arbitrage that exploits weaker protections. In practice, this requires managers to translate

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1.14.2. Cultural intelligence and respectful localization: Practice humility and co-design with local partners; test messages for cultural resonance and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Practice humility and co-design with local partners; test messages for cultural resonance and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Practice humility and co-design with local partners; test messages for cultural resonance and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.14.3. Exchange-rate and pricing risks with ethical finance: Use transparent transfer pricing and prudent hedging; avoid manipulative financial engineering. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use transparent transfer pricing and prudent hedging; avoid manipulative financial engineering. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use transparent transfer pricing and prudent hedging; avoid manipulative financial engineering. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into

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1.15. Capstone Integration

Key Points

- Integrating POSDC with ethics and Indian values
- Designing systems that learn faster than they fail
- From project to institution: making improvements stick

Explanation

1.15.1. Integrating POSDC with ethics and Indian values: A university or start-up context shows how planning through control interacts with values at every step. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. A university or start-up context shows how planning through control interacts with values at every step. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new

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1.15.2. Designing systems that learn faster than they fail: Learning systems—AARs, retrospectives, and transparent metrics—convert errors into durable improvements. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Learning systems—AARs, retrospectives, and transparent metrics—convert errors into durable improvements. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Learning systems—AARs, retrospectives, and transparent metrics—convert errors into durable improvements. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

1.15.3. From project to institution: making improvements stick: Codify practices into policy, training, and incentives so gains persist beyond individuals. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Codify practices into policy, training, and incentives so gains persist beyond individuals. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Codify practices into policy, training, and incentives so gains persist beyond individuals. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new

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Evolution of management Thought, Taylor, Fayol, Elton Mayo, Likert & Webber (Theories of Management): Recent Trends and Future Challenges of Management

2.1 Classical & Neo-Classical Foundations

Key Points

Taylor: scientific management and disciplined observation
Fayol: enterprise-wide principles and functions
Weber: bureaucracy for fairness and scale
Mayo: human relations and social context
Likert: participation and climate systems

2.1 Classical & Neo-Classical Thinkers

Thinker / School	Core Idea	Signature Principles / Findings	Strengths	Limitations
F.W. Taylor (Scientific Management)	Standardize and scientifically design work	Time–motion study; differential piece rate; 'one best way'; functional foremanship	Productivity; cost control	Mechanistic; ignores human needs; deskilling risk
Henri Fayol (Administrative)	Manage by universal principles	14 principles (e.g., division of work, unity of command, scalar chain, equity)	Enterprise-wide view; structure, process clarity	May be rigid; context-insensitive
Elton Mayo (Human Relations)	Social needs drive performance	Hawthorne Studies: attention, group norms, supervision style affect output	Highlights morale, informal groups, communication	Method issues; overemphasis on harmony
Max Weber (Bureaucracy)	Rational-legal authority and rules	Clear hierarchy; rules; merit-based selection; impersonality; record-keeping	Consistency; fairness; scalability	Red tape; slow decisions; innovation drag
Rensis Likert (Behavioral /	Leadership &	Four systems: Exploitative-authoritative →	Links climate to results; advocates	Culture-dependent; may be slower to decide

Systems of Management)	participation matter	Benevolent-authoritative → Consultative → Participative; Likert scales for attitudes	participative management	

Explanation

2.1.1. Taylor:

Scientific management and disciplined observation: Taylor's core gift is rigorous study of work to remove waste while protecting people from fatigue. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Taylor's core gift is rigorous study of work to remove waste while protecting people from fatigue. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Taylor's core gift is rigorous study of work to remove waste while protecting people from fatigue. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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2.1.3. Weber:

Bureaucracy for fairness and scale: Weber's rational-legal authority uses rules and records to reduce arbitrariness and enable auditability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Weber's rational-legal authority uses rules and records to reduce arbitrariness and enable auditability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Weber's rational-legal authority uses rules and records to reduce arbitrariness and enable auditability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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Human relations and social context: Mayo reframes productivity through attention, norms, and supportive supervision. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Mayo reframes productivity through attention, norms, and supportive supervision. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Mayo reframes productivity through attention, norms, and supportive supervision. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change,

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Participation and climate systems: Likert connects leadership style to climate and performance, advocating consultative/participative systems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Likert connects leadership style to climate and performance, advocating consultative/participative systems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Likert connects leadership style to climate and performance, advocating consultative/participative systems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.2. Applying the Lenses Wisely

Key Points

Use Taylor for bottlenecks; temper with respect for people
Use Fayol for clarity; add agility for speed
Use Weber for compliance; remove red tape via design
Use Mayo for morale; validate with data
Use Likert for participation; set decision edges

Explanation

2.2.1. Use Taylor for bottlenecks; temper with respect for people: Direct observation and standardization are powerful when tasks repeat, but involvement avoids dehumanization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Direct observation and standardization are powerful when tasks repeat, but involvement avoids dehumanization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract

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2.2.2. Use Fayol for clarity; add agility for speed: Principles clarify roles and policies; agile cadences prevent rigidity in dynamic contexts. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Principles clarify roles and policies; agile cadences prevent rigidity in dynamic contexts. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Principles clarify roles and policies; agile cadences prevent rigidity in dynamic contexts. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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2.3. Systems & Contingency Bridges

Key Points

Organization as an open system with feedback
Fit structure and leadership to environment and technology
Redesign when context changes; avoid 'one best way'
Diagnose interdependence to choose coordination
Explanation

2.3.1. Organization as an open system with feedback: Inputs–processes–outputs operate within environmental constraints and opportunities. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Inputs–processes–outputs operate within environmental constraints and opportunities. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Inputs–processes–outputs operate within environmental constraints and opportunities. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.3.2. Fit structure and leadership to environment and technology: Technology, size, and uncertainty dictate degrees of centralization, formalization, and specialization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Technology, size, and uncertainty dictate degrees of centralization, formalization, and specialization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external

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2.3.3. Redesign when context changes; avoid 'one best way': When markets or rules shift, structures should adapt rather than insist on historical forms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. When markets or rules shift, structures should adapt rather than insist on historical forms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. When markets or rules shift, structures should adapt rather than insist on historical forms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.3.4. Diagnose interdependence to choose coordination: Pooled, sequential, and reciprocal interdependence demand escalating coordination mechanisms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Pooled, sequential, and reciprocal interdependence demand escalating coordination mechanisms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Pooled, sequential, and reciprocal interdependence demand escalating coordination mechanisms. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific

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2.4. Improvement Traditions

Key Points

Deming/Juran/Crosby: prevention, variation control, customer focus
Lean: waste removal, flow, respect for people
Six Sigma: D-M-A-I-C for defects
Agile: short cycles, cross-functional teams, responsiveness
Explanation

2.4.1. Deming/Juran/Crosby: prevention, variation control, customer focus: Quality begins at design and process, not at inspection; measure variation and respond with learning. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Quality begins at design and process, not at inspection; measure variation and respond with learning. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Quality begins at design and process, not at inspection; measure variation and respond with learning. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.4.2. Lean: waste removal, flow, respect for people: Remove muda, level workloads, visualize work, and empower frontline problem solving. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Remove muda, level workloads, visualize work, and empower frontline problem solving. In practice, this requires managers to translate

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2.4.3. Six Sigma: D-M-A-I-C for defects: Define problems precisely, measure facts, analyze causes, improve with experiments, and control to sustain gains. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Define problems precisely, measure facts, analyze causes, improve with experiments, and control to sustain gains. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Define problems precisely, measure facts, analyze causes, improve with experiments, and control to sustain gains. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.4.4. Agile: short cycles, cross-functional teams, responsiveness: Iterate in small increments with user feedback and adapt plans dynamically. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Iterate in small increments with user feedback and adapt plans dynamically. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as

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2.5. Strategy–Structure Alignment

Key Points

Structure follows strategy (and co-evolves)
Choose among functional/divisional/matrix/network/platform
Modularity and interfaces for innovation speed
Portfolio logic: ambidexterity across horizons
Explanation

2.5.1. Structure follows strategy (and co-evolves): Strategic choices about markets and advantage shape needed capabilities and thus structure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Strategic choices about markets and advantage shape needed capabilities and thus structure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Strategic choices about markets and advantage shape needed capabilities and thus structure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.5.2. Choose among functional/divisional/matrix/network/platform: Use the least complex structure that still delivers coordination and accountability. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use the least

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2.5.4. Portfolio logic: ambidexterity across horizons: Balance core exploitation with adjacent and transformational exploration using tailored metrics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Balance core exploitation with adjacent and transformational exploration using tailored metrics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore

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2.6. Culture & Change Practice

Key Points

Culture as shared assumptions; leaders shape by attention, reactions, and rewards
Change architecture: narrative, structures, skills, symbols
Respect resistance as information
Institutionalize gains through routines and incentives

Explanation

2.6.1. Culture as shared assumptions; leaders shape by attention, reactions, and rewards: What leaders notice, measure, and tolerate becomes the real curriculum of the organization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. What leaders notice, measure, and tolerate becomes the real curriculum of the organization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. What leaders notice, measure, and tolerate becomes the real curriculum of the organization. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.6.2. Change architecture: narrative, structures, skills, symbols: Align stories with org charts, training curricula, and visible celebrations to reinforce new patterns. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students

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2.6.3. Respect resistance as information: Objections often reveal hidden constraints or risks that plans must accommodate. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Objections often reveal hidden constraints or risks that plans must accommodate. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Objections often reveal hidden constraints or risks that plans must accommodate. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.6.4. Institutionalize gains through routines and incentives: Bake changes into hiring, promotions, and budgeting so they survive beyond personalities. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Bake changes into hiring, promotions, and budgeting so they survive beyond personalities. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances

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2.7. Digital Transformation & Analytics

Key Points

Modern data platforms and cloud economics
Experimentation and causal learning as management muscle
Privacy/security by design; fairness and explainability in AI
Adoption and skills outweigh code

Explanation

2.7.1. Modern data platforms and cloud economics: Cheap storage/compute enables new models, but value comes from solving real user problems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Cheap storage/compute enables new models, but value comes from solving real user problems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Cheap storage/compute enables new models, but value comes from solving real user problems. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.7.2. Experimentation and causal learning as management muscle: A/B testing, quasi-experiments, and careful metrics separate signal from noise. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review

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2.7.3. Privacy/security by design; fairness and explainability in AI: When decisions affect rights, models need transparency, monitoring, and recourse. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. When decisions affect rights, models need transparency, monitoring, and recourse. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. When decisions affect rights, models need transparency, monitoring, and recourse. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.7.4. Adoption and skills outweigh code: Invest in training, incentives, and workflows so technology is actually used well. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Invest in training, incentives, and workflows so technology is actually used well. In practice, this requires managers to translate

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2.8. Sustainable Management

Key Points

Materiality: focus where impacts and risks are largest
Operational shifts: energy, waste, circularity
Finance alignment: internal carbon price, long-horizon metrics
HR and governance: fair pay, diversity, voice

Explanation

2.8.1. Materiality: focus where impacts and risks are largest: Prioritize issues that matter to value creation and stakeholders, not cosmetic initiatives. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Prioritize issues that matter to value creation and stakeholders, not cosmetic initiatives. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Prioritize issues that matter to value creation and stakeholders, not cosmetic initiatives. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.8.2. Operational shifts: energy, waste, circularity: Design low-carbon, low-waste processes and product-service systems that extend life cycles. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and

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2.8.3. Finance alignment: internal carbon price, long-horizon metrics: Guide capital allocation with prices that reflect externalities and resilience needs. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Guide capital allocation with prices that reflect externalities and resilience needs. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Guide capital allocation with prices that reflect externalities and resilience needs. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.8.4. HR and governance: fair pay, diversity, voice: Governance and culture must carry sustainability beyond reports into daily choices. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Governance and culture must carry

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2.9. Global Management Practice

Key Points

Operate across legal and cultural regimes without diluting core standards
Co-design with local partners; test for meaning
Transparent tax and transfer pricing; avoid arbitrage
Build multicultural teams and inclusive rituals

Explanation

2.9.1. Operate across legal and cultural regimes without diluting core standards: Non-negotiables include human rights and safety; local adaptation covers form, not substance. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Non-negotiables include human rights and safety; local adaptation covers form, not substance. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Non-negotiables include human rights and safety; local adaptation covers form, not substance. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.9.2. Co-design with local partners; test for meaning: Localization is empathy-in-action—language and symbolism must resonate and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Localization is empathy-in-action—language and symbolism must resonate and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Localization is empathy-in-action—language and symbolism must resonate and respect. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

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2.9.4. Build multicultural teams and inclusive rituals: Inclusion improves judgement and innovation while strengthening trust. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its

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2.10. Risk & Resilience

Key Points

Enterprise risk maps: likelihood × impact × controls
Resilience: redundancy, modularity, cross-training
Crisis playbooks and empowerment at the edge
Post-mortems that reform incentives and architecture

Explanation

2.10.1. Enterprise risk maps: likelihood × impact × controls: Map hazards, owners, and mitigations; monitor residual risk and near-misses. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Map hazards, owners, and mitigations; monitor residual risk and near-misses. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Map hazards, owners, and mitigations; monitor residual risk and near-misses. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.10.2. Resilience: redundancy, modularity, cross-training: Design systems to absorb shocks without cascading failure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Design systems to absorb shocks without cascading failure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Design systems to absorb shocks without cascading failure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.10.3. Crisis playbooks and empowerment at the edge: Push authority to frontlines when speed matters and rehearse decisions in drills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Push authority to frontlines when speed matters and rehearse decisions in drills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Push authority to frontlines when speed matters and rehearse decisions in drills. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.10.4. Post-mortems that reform incentives and architecture: Learn structurally, not cosmetically—fix incentives and designs that produced the failure. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore

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2.11. Innovation Systems

Key Points

Empathize–Define–Ideate–Prototype–Test cycle
Portfolio across core, adjacent, transformational
Governance that fits horizons and uncertainty
Learning organization habits and psychological safety

Explanation

2.11.1. Empathize–Define–Ideate–Prototype–Test cycle: Use field research to understand needs; generate many options; test cheaply to learn quickly. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use field research to understand needs; generate many options; test cheaply to learn quickly. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Use field research to understand needs; generate many options; test cheaply to learn quickly. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.11.2. Portfolio across core, adjacent, transformational: Do not starve long-cycle bets; measure each horizon with suitable metrics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Do not starve long-cycle bets; measure each horizon with suitable metrics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Do not starve long-cycle bets; measure each horizon with suitable metrics. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.11.3. Governance that fits horizons and uncertainty: Boards and leaders should expect variability and design milestones for discovery, not just delivery. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Boards and leaders should expect variability and design milestones for discovery, not just delivery. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Boards and leaders should expect variability and design milestones for discovery, not just delivery. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.11.4. Learning organization habits and psychological safety: Normalize reflection and respectful dissent to compound organizational intelligence. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because

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2.12. Responsible AI Management

Key Points

Bias, representativeness, and disparate impact
Explainability and human-in-the-loop for sensitive decisions
Security-as-when-not-if and incident response
Vendor ethics and lifecycle monitoring

Explanation

2.12.1. Bias, representativeness, and disparate impact: Datasets encode history; test for skew, retrain with better samples, and monitor outcomes. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Datasets encode history; test for skew, retrain with better samples, and monitor outcomes. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Datasets encode history; test for skew, retrain with better samples, and monitor outcomes. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.12.2. Explainability and human-in-the-loop for sensitive decisions: Where rights are at stake, provide reasons and escalation paths for review and correction. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Where rights are at stake, provide reasons and escalation paths for review and correction. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Where rights are at stake, provide reasons and escalation paths for review and correction. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.12.3. Security-as-when-not-if and incident response: Design breach detection and drills; minimise data exposure and access. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Design breach detection and drills; minimise data exposure and access. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Design breach detection and drills; minimise data exposure and access. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking.

2.12.4. Vendor ethics and lifecycle monitoring: Procure from vendors who meet ethical standards and agree to audits and ongoing checks. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains

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2.13. Preparing for the Future

Key Points

BANI world: brittle, anxious, nonlinear, incomprehensible
Options, buffers, and scenario thinking
Managerial courage and candour as resilience assets
Judgement education: asking better questions

Explanation

2.13.1. BANI world: brittle, anxious, nonlinear, incomprehensible: Prepare minds and systems for volatility without denial or fatalism. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Prepare minds and systems for volatility without denial or fatalism. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the new context. Students should therefore read this point not as a frozen rule but as a pattern for disciplined thinking. Prepare minds and systems for volatility without denial or fatalism. In practice, this requires managers to translate abstract principles into specific routines, choose appropriate tools, and review outcomes regularly so that learning loops remain active. When circumstances shift—because technology evolves, teams change, or external rules are updated—the underlying idea remains valid but its application must be refitted to the

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