2.2 Organization and Management

What does an organisational structure determine?

- 1. Who does the task/specialization
- 2. Who is in-charge
- 3. Who makes decisions
- 4. Who follows the decisions
- 5. How decisions and information are communicated

What must the organizational chart show?

- 1. Hierarchy/Structure
 - a. Tall
 - b. Flat
- 2. Chain of command
 - a. Long
 - b. Short
- 3. Span of control
 - a. Narrow
 - b. Wide
- 4. Delegation
 - a. Centralized
 - b. Decentralized

What are the different types of organizational hierarchies/business structures? What are their advantages and disadvantages

Tall Structure => Long Chain of Command => Narrow span control => Centralized Flat Structure => Short Chain of Command => Wide span of control => Decentralized

Tall Organizational Structures

Advantages

- 1. Fewer subordinates to a manager => clear communication
- 2. Specialized tasks/roles => fewer responsibilities
- 3. More control

Disadvantages

- 1. Miscommunication (too many layers)
- 2. More managers => higher cost
- 3. Slow decision-making

Flat Organizational Structures

Advantages

- 1. More subordinates to a manager => easier communication => lower cost as less managers
- 2. More empowerment/responsibility to subordinate => more freedom in decision-making => more motivated

Disadvantages

- 1. Less control/weak supervision
- 2. Less focused
- 3. Challenge in coordination

What are the 5 management functions?

- 1. Planning
- 2. Organizing
- 3. Co-ordinating
- 4. Commanding
- 5. Controlling

What is the difference between a good manager and leader?

- 1. Strong leadership skills
- 2. Communicates well
- 3. Motivated
- 4. Proactive
- 5. Analytical
- 6. Open and supportive

What is the different leadership/management styles?

- 1. Autocratic
- 2. Democratic
- 3. Laissez-faire

What must a chain of command have?

- 1. Authority => to instruct/lead subordinate
- 2. Delegate => responsibilities and task
- 3. Accountability => to decisions made
- 4. Responsibility => to ensure subordinate makes right decision, performs task correctly and safely

What are the benefits and problem of delegation?

Benefits to managers

- 1. Managers can focus on strategic/important business decision/task
- 2. Groom subordinates to take more responsibility => lessen burden

Problem to managers

- 1. Subordinates may make wrong decisions => managers take accountability
- 2. No control => Unable to solve problems

Benefits to subordinates

- 1. Acquire more skills for personal development => job satisfaction
- 2. Better chance/more justification for promotion => status and higher income

Problem to subordinates

- 1. Lack guidance => bad experience/perform task poorly => demotivated
- 2. Lack skills/experience => Makes wrong decision => lose job

What is the function/role of Trade Unions?

- 1. Negotiate wages => collective bargaining
- 2. Defending job rights
- 3. Improve working conditions/environment/safety
- 4. Improve pay and benefits (financial and non-financial rewards)
- 5. Empowerment of workers for personal development
- 6. Provide training and developing skills of members
- 7. Influencing government policies

What forms of industrial actions are taken by Trade Union?

- Strike
- 2. Go-slow/Stalling work
- 3. Refuse to work overtime (overtime ban)
- 4. Work to rule
- 5. Industrial court/legal action

When does Trade Union have more bargaining strength?

- 1. Economic conditions
- 2. Business profit
- 3. Demand of product/service
- 4. Expertise/Skill demand