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Assessment	Ethics in Business Report
Assessment Type	Global Assignment - SAMPLE
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Important notes

- Please refer to the *Assignment Presentation Requirements* for advice on how to set out your assignment. These can be found on the NCC Education website. Hover over 'About Us' on the main menu and then navigate to 'Policies and Procedures' then scroll to the 'Student Support' area.
- You **must** read the NCC Education document *Academic Misconduct Policy* and ensure that you acknowledge all the sources that you use in your work. These documents are available on the NCC Education website. Hover over 'About Us' on the main menu and then navigate to 'Policies and Procedures' then scroll to the 'Student Support' area.
- You **must** complete the *Statement and Confirmation of Own Work*. The form is available on the NCC Education website. Hover over 'About Us' on the main menu and then navigate to 'Policies and Procedures' then scroll to the 'Student Support' area.
- **Please make a note of the recommended word count as stated in the brief. The maximum word count limit is the recommended work count plus 10% leeway. Submissions which exceed the maximum word count limit will be marked only up to the maximum word count limit. Any text that exceeds the maximum word count limit will not be marked. You must follow the note on word count as stated in the Submission Requirements section of the brief.**
- You must submit a paper copy and digital copy (on disk or similarly acceptable medium). Media containing viruses, or media that cannot be run directly, will result in a fail grade being awarded for this assessment.
- All electronic media will be checked for plagiarism.

Introduction

You are required to produce an individual written report (2,500 words) that critically evaluates the ethical practices of a company of your choice. It is recommended that you choose a company that highlights ethical, CSR, and sustainability challenges in the energy sector.

you must:

- Analyse the company's ethical challenges,
- Assess the role of stakeholders and governance in shaping responsible practice,
- Evaluate its approach to sustainability and ethical decision-making, and
- Propose well-reasoned recommendations to improve its ethical standards.

Your report should apply relevant theories, concepts, and frameworks from business ethics, corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustainability, and governance. It must demonstrate critical analysis and evaluation rather than description.

Scenario

Important Note: It is recommended that you research the following to build your company case study for this assessment:

- Company Background
- Governance and Organisational Structure
- Key Stakeholders
- CSR and Sustainability Initiatives
- Ethical Dilemmas Facing the company
- External Context

Aim

To demonstrate your understanding of Ethics in Business in the real world. You should produce a report, structured to address the following 7 tasks:

Task 1 – 20 Marks

Business Ethics and its Evolution

Analyse different conceptualisations of business ethics from an organisational perspective. Evaluate the historical evolution of business ethics. Examine how ethical value systems contribute to business performance. Analyse ethical misconduct in the workplace and factors influencing unethical behaviour.

The target word count for this task is 750 words

Task 2 – 20 Marks

Stakeholder Relationships, Social Responsibility and Corporate Governance

Analyse key stakeholders and their roles in business ethics. Explain social responsibility and its significance in business. Examine how stakeholder orientation relates to social responsibility and CSR. Assess corporate governance's role in shaping ethics and CSR.

The target word count for this task is 750 words

Task 3 – 15 Marks

Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability

Analyse the connection between sustainability, ethical decision-making, and social responsibility. Examine key global environmental issues and legislation. Compare renewable energy sources as sustainable alternatives. Evaluate how businesses respond to sustainability (e.g., green marketing vs. greenwashing).

The target word count for this task is 500 words

Task 4 – 10 Marks

Emerging Business Ethics Issues and Ethical Decision-Making

Analyse ethical issues within an organisation's ethics framework. Assess various forms of unethical behaviour (e.g., bribery, discrimination, fraud). Examine ethical issues in technology. Evaluate different ethical decision-making approaches.

The target word count for this task is 250 words

Task 5 – 10 Marks

Conclusion

Summarise critical findings from tasks 1–4. Reinforce how company's practices align (or fail to align) with ethical, CSR, and sustainability expectations.

The target word count for this task is 150 words

Task 6 – 5 Marks

Recommendations

Practical, well-reasoned actions COMPANY could take. Ensure they are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound). Link back to theory and best practice.

The target word count for this task is 100 words

Task 7 – 10 Marks

Presentation, Structure and Referencing

You will be assessed on the following throughout your report:

The use of an appropriate report format with clear heading and logical structure

The report demonstrates clarity, professional and coherence in writing

The use of the correct referencing style (Harvard) and cites relevant sources

Guidance

Consult with your tutor if you are uncertain about any aspect of this assignment.

Submission requirements

- You must submit a word-processed report.
- Your report should answer all tasks. The word count for your report is **[2500] words**.

Word Count

The word count for this assignment is **[2500] words**. Pay careful attention to the mark allocation for each task so you don't spend too much time on any ONE (1) section.

You **MUST** state the word count in the header of your assignment and declare the number of words on your assignment cover sheet. You **MUST** confirm that you have not exceeded the stipulated word limit by more than 10%.

Any words written beyond the stipulated limit will not be read by the examiners; no marks will be awarded, and no feedback provided for any text beyond the prescribed limit.

In accordance with accepted academic practice, the notion of a word count includes the following without exception:

- All titles or headings that form part of the actual text. This does not include the fly (or cover) page or reference list.
- All words that form the actual essay
- All words forming the titles for figures, tables, and boxes. However, this does not include the text within boxes, tables, or figures themselves.
- All in-text (bracketed) references
- All directly quoted material.

Candidate checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure that your work is ready for submission.

Have you read the NCC Education document *Academic Misconduct Policy* and ensured that you have acknowledged all the sources that you have used in your work?

Have you completed the *Statement and Confirmation of Own Work* form and attached it to your assignment? **You must do this.**

Have you ensured that your work has not gone over or under the recommended word count by more than 10%?

Have you ensured that your work does not contain viruses and can be run directly?