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MGT 320 Module Three Short Paper Rubric

Overview

The purpose of this short paper is to evaluate the impact of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act on corporate governance, specifically for the corporation using a bottom-line management approach that you selected for the final project. This evaluation supports developing an understanding of the impact of legal and ethical challenges on profit maximization, when balancing shareholder desires and promoting sustainable business practices in publicly traded corporations.

Prompt

Describe the influence of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act on sustainability efforts for the company you analyzed in Final Project Milestone One. Use the instructions provided in this document to guide your work.

Instructions

1. **Description:** Describe the Sarbanes–Oxley Act, using your own words.
 - Your description should be at least one and no more than three paragraphs in length.
2. **Impact:** Explain how the Sarbanes–Oxley Act has affected the bottom-line company you selected for Milestone One. Be specific in describing how the Sarbanes–Oxley Act has influenced corporate governance and sustainability efforts, using examples from your research.
 - **Corporate Governance:** This section of your paper should outline at least two impacts of the Act on corporate governance for your project company, in a total of two to four paragraphs.
 - **Sustainability:** This section of your paper should outline at least two impacts of the Act on your project company’s sustainability efforts, in a total of two to four paragraphs.

Guidelines for Submission: Cite your sources using APA 6th edition style.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Sarbanes-Oxley Act Description	Meets “Proficient” criteria and is entirely in student’s own words	The description is comprehensive, accurate, and clearly explained using some of student’s own words	The description is not comprehensive and/or is a direct quote from a source	The description is inaccurate and/or incomplete	20
Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Impact on Corporate Governance	Meets “Proficient” criteria, and student draws her/his own logical conclusions about the full impact on governance	At least two appropriate impacts to governance are clearly explained	Two appropriate impacts to governance are not fully explained	Fewer than two impacts to governance are outlined and/or the impacts described are not appropriate	35
Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Impact on Sustainability	Meets “Proficient” criteria and student draws her/his own logical conclusions about the full impact on sustainability efforts	At least two appropriate impacts to sustainability efforts are clearly explained	Two appropriate impacts to sustainability efforts are not fully explained	Fewer than two impacts to sustainability efforts are outlined and/or impacts described are not appropriate	35

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Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, and syntax	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, or syntax that prevent readability and articulation of main ideas	10
Earned Total					100%