



MGT 320 Module Three Short Paper Guidelines and 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. Your paper will evaluate the impact that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act had upon the company you have chosen for your final assignment. 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. Your paper will be in proper APA format and be a minimum of two pages, but not more than three pages (not counting the title or reference pages).

Prompt

Describe the influence of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on sustainability efforts for the company you are analyzing in the final project. Use the instructions provided in this document to guide your work.

Specifically, you must address the following **critical elements**:

- **Sarbanes-Oxley Act**
 - **Describe** the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in a comprehensive, accurate, and clear manner, using some of your own words.
 - Your description should be at least one and no more than three paragraphs in length.
 - Explain how the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has affected the bottom-line company you selected for the final project.
 - Be specific in describing how the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has influenced the company's corporate governance and sustainability efforts, using examples from your research.
 - Hint: If you review the company's annual report, you will find statements that define how the company is addressing these topics.
 - Explain at least two appropriate **impacts on corporate governance** in a clear manner.
 - 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.
 - Explain at least two appropriate **impacts on sustainability** efforts in a clear manner.
 - 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.

What to Submit

Your paper should be a 1- to 2-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and APA formatting and citations.

AI Usage

If you use gen AI tools to support your work on this assignment, be sure to follow [these AI usage guidelines](#). You must acknowledge your use of these tools in your work. Guidelines on how to cite AI tools can be found in [this Shapiro Library guide](#).

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Criteria	Exceeds Expectations (100%)	Meets Expectations (85%)	Partially Meets Expectations (55%)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0%)	Value
Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Description	Exceeds expectations and the description is entirely in own words	Describes the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in a comprehensive, accurate, and clear manner, using some own words	Describes the Sarbanes-Oxley Act using a direct quote from a source, or the definition lacks comprehension	Does not describe the Sarbanes-Oxley Act accurately or completely	20
Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Impact on Corporate Governance	Exceeds expectations and draws own logical conclusions about the full impact on governance	Explains at least two appropriate impacts on corporate governance in a clear manner	Explains at least one appropriate impact on governance or includes two appropriate impacts on governance, but impacts are not fully explained	Does not explain any impacts on corporate governance	35
Sarbanes-Oxley Act: Impact on Sustainability	Exceeds expectations and draws own logical conclusions about the full impact on sustainability efforts	Explains at least two appropriate impacts on sustainability efforts in a clear manner	Explains at least one appropriate impact on sustainability efforts or includes two appropriate impacts on sustainability efforts, but impacts are not fully explained	Does not explain any impacts on sustainability efforts	35
Clear Communication	Exceeds expectations with an intentional use of language that promotes a thorough understanding	Consistently and effectively communicates in an organized way to a specific audience	Shows progress toward meeting expectations, but communication is inconsistent or ineffective in a way that negatively impacts understanding	Shows no evidence of consistent, effective, or organized communication	10
Total:					100%