

Case-Ex: Bonded Commitment (SGT Purchase)

Example Questions

Part 1

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1. What decision(s) did SGT Purchase face?
2. As he considers the situation, what are his initial concerns? How does he use rules, outcomes and values to evaluate the situation?
3. How can a Soldier display their commitment to fellow Soldiers, to the Army Profession and to the Nation when they are off duty or not in uniform?
4. Why is trust/trustworthiness important in the Army Profession and what function does it serve in the application of our duties?
5. What commitments do Soldiers have outside of the Army Profession and do these commitments ever conflict with their duties as Professional Soldiers?
6. How should a professional Soldier decide which commitments take precedence?
7. SGT Purchase describes his friend, “She was about taking care of people. She was hard about it, but that’s what she was all about.” Is it important Soldiers have respect for their comrades and for their leaders? How does this level of respect (or lack thereof) affect a unit’s ability to function?

Part 2

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8. What factors were most influential in SSG Purchase’s decision making process?
9. How does respect and loyalty among Soldiers affect their service and willingness to make sacrifices for each other? How does this contribute to the esprit de corps of the Army Profession?
10. How do Soldiers develop their professional loyalties, and how do Soldiers exhibit their loyalty both on and off duty?
11. What message did SGT Purchase communicate to his fellow Soldiers through his decision to attend the funeral despite his financial hardship?
12. How could this decision affect SGT Purchase’s relationship with his wife and how can this affect her perception of his professional commitments?