

## END OF COURSE EXAM KEY

1. Ownership of your future comes with rights and responsibilities. Look at the following list of actions. Correctly label each as a “right” or as a “responsibility.” (4 points)

Example: Choosing a career path	<u>Right</u>
Completing courses needed for career goals	Responsibility
Picking a lifestyle	Right
Accepting the consequences of my choices	Responsibility
Setting the plan for my career path	Right

2. There are three stages to career exploration. They are: Discover! Focus! and Engage! For each of the three stages, list one thing that happens during that stage. (6 points)

### Discover!

- Understand my abilities and interests.
- Understand the career opportunities available in the world of work.
- Understand the basics of decision making.

### Focus!

- Understand the relationships between the six career fields, 16 Career Clusters and 79 Career Pathways.
- Explore college and career readiness skills necessary for success in any career.
- See the relationship between career goals and educational requirements.
- Create an action plan to set and achieve goals.

### Engage!

- Select the path that fits my interests and aptitudes.
- Select courses and opportunities that take me closer to my goal.
- Continue development of college and career-readiness skills.
- Design a plan for seamless transition to postsecondary education/opportunities

3. You learned four steps to take when making a decision. The steps are listed below, but not in the correct order. Write in the missing numbers so that the steps are labeled in the correct order. (4 points)

Step 1: Identify the problem.

Step 2: Select a solution and defend your choice.

Step 3: Brainstorm all potential solutions.

Step 4: List negative and positive aspects of each possible solution.

## 4. True or False? (5 points)

True \_\_\_\_\_ A job is a short-term task.

False \_\_\_\_\_ A career is the first job you will have after school.

True \_\_\_\_\_ Your career may involve many different jobs.

False \_\_\_\_\_ This course introduced 12 Career Clusters.

True \_\_\_\_\_ A Career Cluster can have two or more Career Pathways.

## 5. List three of the Career Clusters introduced in this course. (3 points)

(Score 1 point for a correct answer – up to 3.)

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Communication and Information Systems
- Skilled and Technical Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Human Services and Education
- Business, Marketing, and Management

## 6. There are seven steps in career path development. Pick two of the seven and list two things that happen during each of the steps you chose in the process. (6 points)

## Step 1: Exploring my Options

- Identify one or two clusters
- Explore Career Pathways
- Consider interests, lifestyle goals, and talents

## Step 2: Setting Career Goals

- Establish initial career goals
- These will be updated many times
- For now, these may be general

## Step 3: Initial Education/Certification

- Learn about the education required for dream career
- Education requirements
  - High School Diploma
  - Two-year Degree/ Certificate
  - Four-year Degree
  - Advanced Degree
- Learn about certification required in career area

**Step 4: Job Searching**

- Entry-level positions are a place to begin in your career
- Job searching involves:
  - Completing an application
  - Sending a resume
  - Interviewing
  - Choosing a job from the offers
- Start exploring careers with after-school employment

**Step 5: Job-Specific Training**

- This happens after you are hired for a job
- In this you will learn about the tasks and tools the group uses to do your job

**Step 6: Advancement Opportunities**

- Take advantage of opportunities to take on more responsibility or new jobs in the same organization

**Step 7: Advanced Training/Education**

- Set goals for advanced education
- Advancement may also mean that you learn something new
- You may get an advanced degree in many ways
- Continuing education keeps a license or certificate current

**Step 8: Meeting My Career Goals**

- Requires effort
- Re-evaluate goals once they are met
- Focus on continuous improvement
- Achieve your dreams!

7. Name one innovation that will influence the way you conduct work in the future and describe how it might change the way you work. (4 points)

Answers may vary

- Innovation is occurring in how we share, store, send, retrieve, and view information.
  - Innovation is occurring in the technology we use to make tasks easier, safer, and more productive.
8. Which of the following is an effective strategy for overcoming the roadblock of a “lack of motivation”? (1 point)
- A. Scholarship applications
  - B. Part-time job
  - C. Community college admission
  - D. Rewards for reaching short-term goals

9. Which of the following is an effective strategy for overcoming the roadblock of “lack of resources”? (1 point)
- A. Time management training
  - B. Grants and loans
  - C. Job shadowing program
  - D. Rewards for reaching short-term goals
10. Which of the following is an effective strategy for overcoming the roadblock of “lack of education”? (1 point)
- A. Community college classes
  - B. Money for completing goals
  - C. Time management training
  - D. Part-time job

11. End-of-Course Essay

In six to 10 sentences describe three things:

What you have learned about yourself during this class

What you have learned about career options in this class

Your plan for the future developed during this class

Student answers will vary. Look for:

- Evidence of directly addressing each topic
- Use of information, insights, and experiences gained from the course
- Original thoughts
- Organized and developed ideas and conclusions