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- Analyses general design requirements IT systems for nonprofit organizations
- Investigates the increased political importance of the nonprofit sector and their general organizational characteristics

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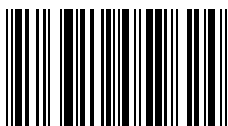
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