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## Exam Questions PK0-005

CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam



**NEW QUESTION 1**

Due to multiple changes, the sign-off for the project scope baseline is delayed. The project sponsor has restricted the budget for this project. Which of the following should the project manager MOST likely do to move forward?

- A. Communicate with the affected stakeholders.
- B. Initiate a formal change request to modify the cost
- C. Adjust the scope to stay within the cost.
- D. Set a new cost using a lightweight estimation method.

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The project manager should communicate with the affected stakeholders first after realizing that the sign-off for the project scope baseline is delayed due to multiple changes and that the budget for this project is restricted by the project sponsor. The affected stakeholders are those who have an interest or influence on the project and may be impacted by any changes or delays. Communicating with them can help to explain the situation, assess the impact, seek feedback, and manage expectations.

**NEW QUESTION 2**

A sponsor prefers to communicate with the team using email, phone calls, conversations in the hallway, and impromptu meetings. Which of the following types of communication is the sponsor using?

- A. Informal communication
- B. Formal communication
- C. Synchronous communication
- D. Asynchronous communication

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Informal communication is a type of communication that is casual, spontaneous, and unstructured. It does not follow any predefined rules, protocols, or formats. Examples of informal communication include email, phone calls, conversations in the hallway, and impromptu meetings<sup>12</sup>. The sponsor is using informal communication to communicate with the team, as these methods are convenient, flexible, and personal. However, informal communication may also have some drawbacks, such as lack of documentation, inconsistency, and potential for misunderstanding<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, the sponsor should also use formal communication when necessary, such as for official reports, contracts, and presentations<sup>4</sup>.

**NEW QUESTION 3**

Which of the following activities would be performed during the project closure phase when the waterfall methodology is being used? (Select two).

- A. Creating a backlog
- B. Managing the quality of deliverables
- C. Updating the issue log
- D. Performing a risk assessment
- E. Validating the deliverables
- F. Reconciling the project budget

**Answer:** EF

**Explanation:**

During the project closure phase in the waterfall methodology, it is crucial to validate the deliverables to ensure that all project requirements have been met and the project outputs are complete and satisfactory. Additionally, reconciling the project budget is performed to ensure all financial records are accurate and reflect the actual project costs, which is essential for the formal closing of the project.

References = CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide (PK0-005)

**NEW QUESTION 4**

Which of the following tools is best to use for storing lessons learned?

- A. Whiteboard
- B. Wiki knowledge base
- C. Content management system
- D. Workflow platform

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

A wiki knowledge base is a collaborative online platform that allows users to create, edit, and share information about a specific topic or domain<sup>1</sup>. A wiki knowledge base is best to use for storing lessons learned because it enables easy access, retrieval, and update of the lessons learned by project teams and stakeholders<sup>2</sup>. A wiki knowledge base can also support keyword search, version control, and linking of related documents<sup>3</sup>. A wiki knowledge base is different from a whiteboard, which is a physical or digital board that can be used for brainstorming, sketching, or presenting ideas; a content management system, which is a software application that allows users to create, manage, and publish digital content; and a workflow platform, which is a software tool that automates and streamlines business processes<sup>4</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 14: Closing the Project, page 403; Capturing Lessons Learned in Project Management [2023] • Asana, Different types of lessons learned sessions and Lessons Learned Process in Project Management sections; Project Management Lessons Learned | Smartsheet, What Are Lessons Learned in Project Management? and Lessons Learned Process in Project Management sections; How to Do Lessons Learned in Project Management, Store and Retrieve sections.

**NEW QUESTION 5**

A visual that displays team progress was created for stand-up meetings. Which of the following BEST describes what is being represented on the visual?

- A. Decision board
- B. Whiteboard
- C. Task board
- D. Dashboard

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

A task board is a visual tool that displays team progress for stand-up meetings. A task board usually consists of columns that represent different stages or statuses of tasks, such as to do, in progress, done, or blocked. Each task is represented by a card or sticky note that can be moved across the columns as the task progresses. A task board can help to facilitate communication, collaboration, and transparency among team members and stakeholders. It can also help to track and manage work flow, prioritize tasks, identify bottlenecks, and resolve issues<sup>3</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 6**

A program manager is reviewing the project portfolio and prioritizing each project based on the company's strategic plan. Which of the following should be considered in this evaluation? (Select TWO).

- A. Company vision
- B. Global environment
- C. Brand value
- D. Mission statement
- E. Portfolio budget
- F. Local legislation

**Answer:** AD

**Explanation:**

Company vision and mission statement should be considered in the evaluation of the project portfolio based on the company's strategic plan. Company vision is a statement that describes the long-term aspirations and desired future state of the organization. Company mission statement is a statement that defines the core purpose and values of the organization and how it serves its customers and stakeholders. These statements provide direction and guidance for the strategic planning and decision making of the organization. They also help to align the project portfolio with the organizational goals and objectives and ensure that the projects and programs in the portfolio deliver value and benefits to the organization<sup>12</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 7**

During the testing phase of a project, the legal department rejected a deliverable due to compliance issues. The project manager reviewed the risk register and triggered the mitigation plan for this item. Which of the following documents should the project manager update next?

- A. Schedule
- B. Status report
- C. Issue log
- D. Task board

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

An issue log is a document that records and tracks any issues that arise during a project and how they are resolved<sup>1</sup>. It is different from a risk register, which records and tracks potential risks that may or may not occur during a project<sup>2</sup>. When a risk becomes an issue, it means that it has occurred and has a negative impact on the project. Therefore, the project manager should update the issue log next to document the compliance issue, its cause, its impact, its priority, its owner, and its resolution status<sup>3</sup>. Updating the issue log will help the project manager communicate the issue to the stakeholders, monitor the progress of the mitigation plan, and prevent similar issues from happening again<sup>4</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 11: Executing Projects Part 2, page 331; Project Risk Mitigation Guide + Starter Kit | Smartsheet, Risk Register section; How to Make a Risk Management Plan (Template Included) - ProjectManager, Risk Register section; Issue Log - Project Management Knowledge, Introduction section; Issue Log Template: Free Download | ProjectManager, Introduction and How to Use an Issue Log sections.

**NEW QUESTION 8**

Which of the following cloud models is designed to provide compute, storage, and networking resources on demand?

- A. Software as a service
- B. Infrastructure as a service
- C. Data as a service
- D. Platform as a service

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Infrastructure as a service (IaaS) is a cloud model that provides on-demand access to cloud-hosted physical and virtual servers, storage, and networking resources. IaaS customers can provision, configure, and use these resources as they would use on-premises hardware, but without the hassle of purchasing, installing, managing, and maintaining them. The cloud service provider owns, manages, and maintains the hardware and computing resources in its own data centers, and charges the customers based on their usage. IaaS is suitable for customers who need flexibility, scalability, and control over their IT infrastructure, and who want to avoid the high costs and complexity of owning and operating their own hardware. The other options are not correct because:

? Software as a service (SaaS) is a cloud model that provides on-demand access to ready-to-use, cloud-hosted application software. SaaS customers do not need to install, update, or maintain the software, as the cloud service provider handles all the technical aspects. SaaS is suitable for customers who need to access common applications, such as email, office productivity, or customer relationship management, without worrying about the underlying infrastructure or platform.

? Data as a service (DaaS) is a cloud model that provides on-demand access to cloud-hosted data sources, such as databases, data warehouses, or data lakes. DaaS customers can query, analyze, and visualize the data, as well as integrate it with other applications or services, using APIs or web interfaces. DaaS is suitable for customers who need to leverage data from various sources, such as social media, IoT devices, or third-party providers, without having to store, manage, or process the data themselves.

? Platform as a service (PaaS) is a cloud model that provides on-demand access to a complete, ready-to-use, cloud-hosted platform for developing, running, maintaining, and managing applications. PaaS customers can use the platform's tools, frameworks, libraries, and services to create and deploy applications, without having to worry about the underlying infrastructure or software. PaaS is suitable for customers who need to develop, test, and deploy applications quickly

and efficiently, and who want to take advantage of the cloud's scalability, reliability, and security features. References = IaaS vs. PaaS vs. SaaS; AWS Fundamentals: Understanding Compute, Storage, Database, Networking & Security; What are the different types of cloud computing?; What is Cloud Storage and How to Use It

**NEW QUESTION 9**

During a staff meeting, a project manager voices a concern about the client billing rate for a particular engineer. Which of the following documents would the project manager need in order to find this information?

- A. SLA
- B. TOR
- C. SOW
- D. NDA

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

In order to find the client billing rate for a particular engineer, the project manager would need to refer to the SOW (Statement of Work). The SOW is a document that outlines the work to be performed, the timeframe for completion, and the cost of the project. It also includes information about the resources involved in the project and their billing rates. References: CompTIA Project+ Study Guide Section 2.2.

The project manager would need a statement of work (SOW) to find information about the client billing rate for a particular engineer. A SOW is a document that defines the scope of work for a project or contract. It usually includes information such as deliverables, milestones, timeline, costs, payment terms, quality standards, and acceptance criteria. A SOW can help to specify what services or products will be provided by whom, when, where, how, and for how much.

**NEW QUESTION 10**

A project coordinator has started a new project and is reviewing the following characteristics provided by the customer:

- Two developers
- High uncertainty about existing systems
- Risk of frequent requirement changes
- Tight deadlines

Which of the following project methodologies would be best to use in this situation?

- A. PRINCE2
- B. Scrum
- C. SAFe
- D. XP

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

This answer is based on the best practice of choosing a project management methodology that suits the project characteristics and environment<sup>12</sup>. Scrum is an agile framework that is designed to handle complex and uncertain projects with frequent changes and tight deadlines<sup>34</sup>. Scrum involves a small, cross-functional team that works in short iterations called sprints, delivering incremental and potentially shippable products at the end of each sprint<sup>5</sup>. Scrum also allows for continuous feedback and improvement through daily stand-up meetings, sprint reviews, and retrospectives<sup>6</sup>. Scrum is suitable for this project because it can accommodate the high uncertainty, the risk of requirement changes, and the tight deadlines, while also enabling the two developers to collaborate effectively and deliver value to the customer. References = CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide<sup>7</sup>, CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives<sup>8</sup>, Project Management Methodologies Comparison (11 PM Methods)<sup>6</sup>, Project Management Methodologies: 12 Best Frameworks [2023]<sup>7</sup>, What is Scrum?<sup>5</sup>, Scrum Methodology: The Ultimate Guide<sup>6</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 10**

Which of the following provides the best justification for undertaking a project?

- A. Scope statement
- B. Business case
- C. Sponsor request
- D. Project charter

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

A business case provides justification for undertaking a project, programme or portfolio. It evaluates the benefit, cost and risk of alternative options and provides a rationale for the preferred solution. A business case is essential for demonstrating the value of the project and securing the approval and funding from the governance. A business case is different from a scope statement, which defines the project boundaries and deliverables; a sponsor request, which initiates the project idea and seeks support; and a project charter, which authorizes the project and assigns the project manager. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 3: Initiating Projects; What is business case? | APM

**NEW QUESTION 12**

A company is creating a new technology. The company is concerned that the project details could be compromised if a cloud service is used, and another company could launch the technology before the current projected delivery. Which of the following can the company do to minimize this risk?

- A. Use an on-premises project management scheduling tool.
- B. Limit access to members of the project team.
- C. Mandate overtime to get the project completed sooner.
- D. Ensure all team members have signed a non-disclosure agreement.

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Limiting access to members of the project team is a way to minimize the risk of compromising the project details if a cloud service is used. This means that only authorized and trusted individuals can access, view, modify, or share the project information stored in the cloud. Limiting access can prevent unauthorized access,

data leakage, cyberattacks, or espionage from external parties who might want to steal or sabotage the new technology. Limiting access can also reduce the risk of human error, negligence, or misconduct from internal parties who might accidentally or intentionally expose or misuse the project information<sup>123</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 4: Project Communications, p. 143; Cloud Security Risks and How to Mitigate Them | Cloud Academy; Cloud Security: How to Secure Your Data in the Cloud | Kaspersky; Cloud Security: Best Practices for Securing Cloud Computing | Cloud Security Alliance

**NEW QUESTION 17**

After determining the appropriate maintenance window, which of the following should occur NEXT in the operational infrastructure change process?

- A. Implement the change.
- B. Approve the test plan.
- C. Notify customers.
- D. Develop a rollback plan.

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The project manager should develop a rollback plan next after determining the appropriate maintenance window in the operational infrastructure change process. A rollback plan is a contingency plan that describes how to revert to the previous state of the system or infrastructure in case of a failure or disruption during the change implementation. A rollback plan can help to minimize the impact and risk of the change and ensure business continuity and stability.

**NEW QUESTION 20**

A new project team started work three months ago. The team members are increasing their work productivity and are comfortable asking for help with tasks. Which of the following describes the current stage of the project team?

- A. Performing
- B. Adjourning
- C. Forming
- D. Norming

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The current stage of the project team is norming, which is the third stage of the five stages of team development. In this stage, the team members have resolved their conflicts and differences, and have established a sense of cohesion and collaboration. They are more productive, supportive, and cooperative, and they follow the agreed norms and rules of the team. They also communicate effectively and seek feedback and assistance from each other. The norming stage is preceded by the forming stage, where the team members get to know each other and the project goals, and the storming stage, where the team members experience disagreements and challenges. The norming stage is followed by the performing stage, where the team members work efficiently and autonomously towards the project outcomes, and the adjourning stage, where the team members complete the project and celebrate their achievements. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 11: Team Management<sup>1</sup>; CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide, 3rd Edition, Chapter 11: Team Management<sup>2</sup>; The 5 Stages of Team Development (Including Examples)<sup>3</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 22**

During a sponsor meeting, a PM is assigned to manage a new external project for an IT consultant. The sponsor wants the PM to establish an agreement regarding the exchange of money between both parties. Which of the following documents would the PM most likely create?

- A. Business requirement
- B. Client statement of work
- C. Formal contract
- D. Project charter

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

A formal contract is a legal document that defines the terms and conditions of the agreement between the project parties, such as the scope, schedule, budget, quality, deliverables, roles and responsibilities, payment methods, and dispute resolution mechanisms. A formal contract is essential for external projects, especially when there is an exchange of money involved, to protect the interests and rights of both parties and to ensure mutual understanding and compliance. A formal contract is different from a business requirement, which is a statement of the needs and expectations of the customer or stakeholder for the project outcome. A formal contract is also different from a client statement of work, which is a document that describes the work to be performed, the deliverables to be provided, and the acceptance criteria to be met by the project vendor or contractor. A formal contract is also different from a project charter, which is a document that authorizes the project and provides the high-level information about the project objectives, scope, stakeholders, and project manager. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 4: Project Integration Management<sup>1</sup>; CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide, 3rd Edition, Chapter 4: Project Integration Management<sup>2</sup>; 11 Essential Documents To Use as a Project Manager<sup>3</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 27**

Which of the following is a reason to use a SOW on a project?

- A. To find out the contact information for the vendors
- B. To review the list of stakeholders
- C. To ensure the team stays within the scope of the contract
- D. To give explicit instruction on how to execute the work

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

A statement of work (SOW) is a formal document that defines the entire scope of work involved for a vendor and clarifies deliverables, costs, and timeline<sup>1</sup>. It serves as a contractual agreement between a vendor and a client, providing a comprehensive description of the work to be performed<sup>2</sup>. A reason to use a SOW on a project is to ensure the team stays within the scope of the contract, as it outlines what the team will and won't do on a project, saving from painful client negotiations and protecting



the timeline and the bottom line<sup>3</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 3: Initiating Projects Part 1, page 63; What Is a Statement of Work? Definition & Examples, Introduction and What Is a Statement of Work (SOW) In Project Management? sections; Statement Of Work Ultimate Guide: Simple Definition & Template, Introduction and What is a Statement of Work? sections; What Is a Statement of Work (SOW)? - Coursera, Introduction section.

**NEW QUESTION 28**

A company needs to have structured cabling installed in one of its buildings. Which of the following would be the best document for the company to use to obtain and compare information on cabling services and costs from various vendors?

- A. RFB
- B. RFQ
- C. RFI
- D. RFP

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

A request for proposal (RFP) is the best document for the company to use in this scenario, because it is the most detailed and personalized type of request document. An RFP allows the company to specify the project scope, requirements, deliverables, evaluation criteria, and budget for the structured cabling installation, and to solicit proposals from various vendors that can meet those needs. An RFP also enables the company to compare the vendors based on their qualifications, experience, methodology, and pricing, and to select the best one for the project. An RFP is more suitable than an RFB, RFQ, or RFI, because those documents are less comprehensive and more generic, and they do not provide enough information for the company to make an informed decision. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, Third Edition, Chapter 5: Initiating the Project, page 1131; RFI, RFP, RFQ: Understanding the Differences<sup>2</sup>; Data Center Structured Cabling RFP Template<sup>3</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 33**

Which of the following tools should a project manager use to assess the activities performed, work effort applied, and the productivity of a project?

- A. Project status report
- B. Project evaluation review
- C. Project management software
- D. Requirements traceability matrix

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

A project evaluation review is a tool that helps a project manager assess the activities performed, work effort applied, and the productivity of a project. It involves collecting and analyzing data on the project's performance, outcomes, and impacts. It also provides feedback and recommendations for improvement and learning. A project evaluation review can be done at different stages of the project life cycle, such as during or after completion. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 14: Project Evaluation and Assessment; CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives, Domain 4: Project Closure, Objective 4.1: Conduct project closure activities.

**NEW QUESTION 38**

A project manager has been very diligent in maintaining the version control for the documentation of requirements. Which of the following tools is the project manager using?

- A. Multiauthoring software
- B. Word processor
- C. Real-time polling
- D. Conferencing platforms

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The project manager is using multiauthoring software to maintain the version control for the documentation of requirements. Multiauthoring software is a type of software that allows multiple users to create, edit, and collaborate on documents simultaneously. It also provides features such as tracking changes, commenting, reviewing, and merging versions. Multiauthoring software can help to improve the quality, accuracy, and consistency of documents and facilitate communication and feedback among stakeholders. Examples of multiauthoring software include Google Docs, Microsoft Word Online, and Confluence<sup>34</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 41**

Following a successful release, a project manager sent a survey to all stakeholders to gain an understanding of opportunity areas for the team. Which of the following can use the survey results as an input?

- A. Daily stand-up
- B. Project momentum
- C. Performance feedback
- D. Meeting minutes

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The project manager can use the survey results as an input for performance feedback for the project team members. Performance feedback is a process of providing constructive and timely information on the performance of individuals or teams in relation to project goals and expectations. Performance feedback can help to motivate, improve, and recognize project team members<sup>345</sup>

The survey results can be used as an input for performance feedback. Performance feedback involves analyzing and evaluating the performance of the project team and project management against the project plan, including identifying areas for improvement. The survey results can help identify these areas for improvement and provide feedback to the project team on their performance. References: CompTIA Project+ Study Guide Section 4.1.1

#### NEW QUESTION 42

A PM is working on the preliminary scope statement and identifies that this project has the same approach as another project that was completed last year. Which of the following actions would the PM most likely perform?

- A. Call the previous PM for advice on risks and issues.
- B. Ask the project sponsor to provide previous final project report results.
- C. Complete the project charter using the other PM's subject matter expertise.
- D. Use existing artifacts and accommodate based on the current project success criteria.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

This answer is based on the best practice of using historical information and lessons learned from previous projects to improve the planning and execution of current projects<sup>12</sup>. By using existing artifacts, such as scope statements, project plans, risk registers, and change logs, the PM can leverage the knowledge and experience of the previous PM and avoid repeating the same mistakes or oversights. However, the PM should also accommodate the artifacts based on the current project success criteria, which may differ from the previous project in terms of scope, schedule, budget, quality, or stakeholder expectations<sup>34</sup>. The PM should not rely solely on the previous PM's advice, the project sponsor's report, or the project charter, as these sources may not provide enough detail or accuracy for the current project's scope statement. References = CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide<sup>5</sup>, CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives<sup>6</sup>, How to Use Historical Information in Project Management<sup>1</sup>, How to Use Lessons Learned to Improve Project Management<sup>2</sup>, How to Define Project Success Criteria<sup>3</sup>, How to Use Existing Artifacts in Project Management<sup>4</sup>

#### NEW QUESTION 44

During the execution phase, user accepted testing failed; nonetheless, the vendor PM is insisting that the program manager approve the invoice for this phase. Which of the following actions should the Program manager take?

- A. Escalate the issue with the project sponsor and ask for assistance in managing the situation.
- B. Work with the vendor to achieve a compromise that benefits everyone.
- C. Approve the invoice to avoid damaging the relationship with the vendor.
- D. Schedule a call with the vendor PM and vendor executive to review the statement of work.

**Answer: D**

#### Explanation:

The program manager should schedule a call with the vendor PM and vendor executive to review the statement of work (SOW), which is a document that defines the scope, deliverables, timeline, quality, and payment terms of the project. The program manager should clarify the expectations and criteria for user acceptance testing (UAT), which is a process of verifying that the system meets the user's requirements and expectations. The program manager should also discuss the reasons for the UAT failure and the corrective actions needed to resolve the issues. The program manager should not approve the invoice until the UAT is successfully completed, as this would compromise the quality and value of the project. The program manager should also not escalate the issue or work on a compromise without first reviewing the SOW and communicating with the vendor<sup>12</sup>.

#### NEW QUESTION 45

Given the following information:

| Task | Sequence | Duration |
|------|----------|----------|
| A    | B,C      | 10       |
| B    | D,E      | 15       |
| C    | F        | 10       |
| D    | G        | 20       |
| E    | G        | 10       |
| F    | H,I      | 15       |
| G    | J        | 5        |
| H    | J        | 10       |
| I    | J        | 20       |
| J    | END      | 5        |

Which of the following represents the critical path of the project?

- A. A-C-F-I-J
- B. A-C-F-H-J
- C. A-B-D-G-J
- D. A-B-E-G-J

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

The critical path of the project is the longest sequence of tasks that must be completed on time for the project to finish on schedule. It determines the shortest possible duration of the project and shows the tasks that have no slack or float. Any delay in the critical path tasks will affect the project completion date. To find the critical path, we need to calculate the earliest start (ES), earliest finish (EF), latest start (LS), latest finish (LF), and slack (S) for each task. We can use the table and the network diagram given in the question to do this. The formula for calculating the slack is  $S = LF - EF$  or  $S = LS - ES$ . A task with zero slack is on the critical path. The calculations are as follows:

Task | Duration | ES | EF | LS | LF | S  
A | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0  
B | 15 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 0  
C | 10 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 25 | 5  
D | 20 | 25 | 45 | 25 | 45 | 0  
E | 10 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 45 | 10  
F | 15 | 20 | 35 | 30 | 45 | 10  
G | 5 | 45 | 50 | 45 | 50 | 0  
H | 10 | 35 | 45 | 40 | 50 | 5  
I | 20 | 35 | 55 | 30 | 50 | 25  
J | 5 | 50 | 55 | 50 | 55 | 0

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Based on the table, we can see that the tasks with zero slack are A, B, D, G, and J. Therefore, the critical path is A-B-D-G-J, which has a total duration of 55 days. The other options are not the correct critical paths, as they either include tasks with positive slack (such as C, E, F, and H) or have a longer duration than 55 days (such as A-C-F-I-J).

#### NEW QUESTION 50

A PM received feedback from the project sponsor that the resources involved in the project are unsure of their daily activities. Which of the following is the MOST effective step for the PM to take to ensure clarity within the team?

- A. Create a list of tasks and share it with the team.
- B. Resend the scope of work to the team.
- C. Review the Gantt chart weekly with the team.
- D. Have the project sponsor meet with the team.

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

Reviewing the Gantt chart weekly with the team would be the most effective step for the project manager to take to ensure clarity within the team after receiving feedback from the project sponsor that the resources involved in the project are unsure of their daily activities. A Gantt chart is a graphical tool that shows the schedule of a project, including the start and end dates, durations, dependencies, milestones, and progress of each task or activity. Reviewing the Gantt chart weekly with the team can help to clarify their roles and responsibilities, assign tasks and deadlines, track and report their status and performance, identify and resolve any issues or risks, and keep them aligned and engaged with the project goals.VVVVVVVVVVVVVVV

#### NEW QUESTION 52

Which of the following items must be protected as PII? (Select TWO).

- A. Job title
- B. Home address
- C. Work phone number
- D. Time zone
- E. Date of birth
- F. Blood type

**Answer:** BE

#### Explanation:

Home address and date of birth must be protected as personally identifiable information (PII). PII is any information that can be used to identify, contact, or locate an individual person, either alone or in combination with other sources. PII can include information such as name, email address, phone number, social security number, passport number, driver's license number, bank account number, credit card number, biometric data, medical records, etc. PII must be protected from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction to prevent identity theft, fraud, or other malicious activities that may harm the individual's privacy or security.

#### NEW QUESTION 54

After new capabilities were deployed in a system, issues with preexisting capabilities were reported. Which of the following testing cycles should be used to prevent this issue?

- A. Performance testing
- B. User acceptance testing
- C. Stress testing
- D. Unit testing

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

Unit testing is a testing technique that verifies the functionality and quality of individual units or components of software, such as modules, classes, functions, etc. Unit testing can help prevent issues with preexisting capabilities by detecting and fixing errors at an early stage of development, before they affect the integration and system testing. Unit testing can also ensure that new capabilities do not break or interfere with the existing ones, by checking the compatibility and dependencies of the units. Unit testing can be performed by developers using tools and frameworks that automate the process and generate reports. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 10: Project Quality Management; CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives, Domain 3: Project Execution, Objective 3.2: Execute quality management activities.

#### NEW QUESTION 58

A company needs to have structured cabling installed in one of its buildings. Which of the following would be the best document for the company to use to obtain and compare information on cabling services and costs from various vendors?

- A. RFB
- B. RFQ
- C. RF
- D. RFP

**Answer:** D

#### Explanation:

An RFP (request for proposal) is a document that solicits proposals from potential vendors for a specific project or service. An RFP typically describes the project scope, requirements, evaluation criteria, and instructions for submitting proposals. An RFP is the best document for the company to use to obtain and compare information on cabling services and costs from various vendors, as it allows the company to evaluate the vendors' qualifications, experience, approach, and pricing<sup>12</sup>.



#### NEW QUESTION 60

A project manager queries stakeholders to identify the right communication channel to be used during the project life cycle. After reviewing the responses, the project manager reports that 70% of the stakeholders prefer email communication, and the rest prefer face- to-face communication. The project manager should update the stakeholder register with:

- A. the preferred sponsor's communication channel.
- B. the preferred project manager's communication channel.
- C. the preferred reported communication channel.
- D. email communication as the preferred communication channel.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

This answer is based on the best practice of stakeholder management, which is to identify and document the communication preferences of each stakeholder or stakeholder group<sup>12</sup>. The project manager should update the stakeholder register with the information gathered from the stakeholder analysis, which includes the preferred communication channel for each stakeholder<sup>3</sup>. The preferred reported communication channel reflects the majority preference of the stakeholders, as well as the minority preference of the face-to-face communicators. The project manager should use this information to plan and execute effective communication throughout the project life cycle<sup>4</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide<sup>5</sup>, CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives<sup>6</sup>, Stakeholder Register in Project Management<sup>1</sup>, What is a Stakeholder Register?<sup>2</sup>, How to Develop a Stakeholder Register<sup>3</sup>

#### NEW QUESTION 65

Which of the following would be best to utilize when managing communications for project teams across multiple time zones?

- A. Business collaboration tool
- B. Email
- C. Virtual meetings
- D. Enterprise CMS

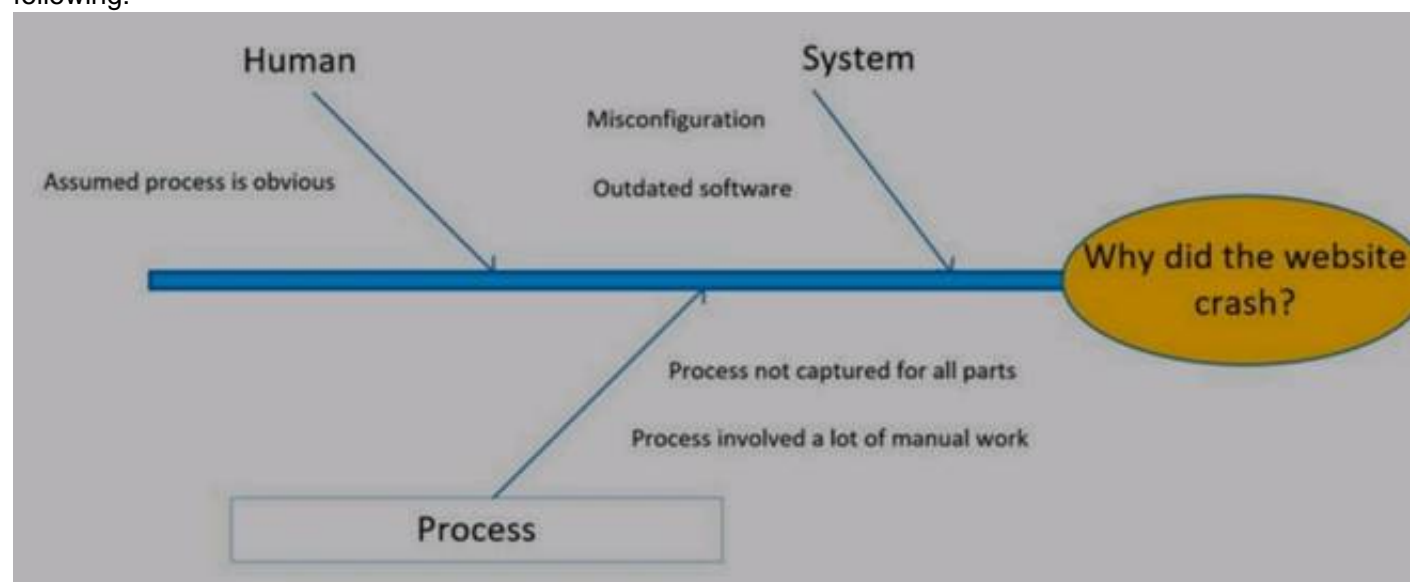
**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

A business collaboration tool is a software that enables teams to communicate, share, and create together online. A business collaboration tool can help project teams across multiple time zones to overcome the challenges of distance, time differences, and cultural diversity. A business collaboration tool can provide features such as instant messaging, video conferencing, file sharing, document editing, project management, and more. A business collaboration tool can also integrate with other applications and platforms that the project team uses. A business collaboration tool can improve the efficiency, productivity, and quality of the project team's work<sup>12</sup>. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 4: Project Communications, p. 137; The 15 best collaboration tools for productive teams - Workable; 17 Best Business Collaboration Tools for Teams - Venngage

#### NEW QUESTION 66

During a brainstorming session, a project team is elaborating on what caused the unexpected crash of the website that the team was developing. Given the following:



Which of the following was the initial cause of the issue?

- A. Inadequate memory
- B. Incorrect configuration
- C. Lack of infrastructure
- D. Inadequate instructions

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

Incorrect configuration was the initial cause of the issue that caused the unexpected crash of the website that the team was developing. The diagram given is an example of a fishbone diagram or a cause-and-effect diagram that shows the possible causes of a problem or effect. The diagram has four main categories: people, process, technology, and environment. Each category has subcategories that list specific factors that may contribute to the problem or effect. The diagram shows that incorrect configuration under technology was marked as an initial cause of website crash.

#### NEW QUESTION 67

A PM is responsible for implementing a new customer relationship management system and has learned that the sales organization is reluctant to utilize the new system. The organization's reluctance could jeopardize the success of the project. Which of the following steps should be taken to understand the adoption issues and gain organizational acceptance of the initiative? (Select TWO).

- A. Train users on the proper use of the system.
- B. Escalate the issue to the CCB

- C. Hold sessions to understand user challenges.
- D. Track system usage and report user activity.
- E. Log the issue in the project risk register.
- F. Create a memorandum of acceptable use.

**Answer:** CD

**Explanation:**

The project manager should hold sessions to understand user challenges and track system usage and report user activity. These steps will help the project manager to identify the root causes of the adoption issues and monitor the progress of the system utilization. They will also help to communicate with the sales organization and provide feedback and support<sup>12</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 70**

A project manager is overseeing the implementation of a major upgrade to a critical ERP system. The project sponsor is requiring that the upgrade should not exceed more than three hours of downtime for the implementation and validation in production. During cutover, the team runs into a validation issue after 2.5 hours, and the process is only 70% through the validation steps Which of the following actions should the project manager take?

- A. Notify customers the downtime will take longer than expected.
- B. Add new team members to help speed up validation.
- C. Begin executing the rollback plan.
- D. Record the issue and proceed with the implementation.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

When a critical ERP system upgrade encounters a validation issue and is at risk of exceeding the allotted downtime, the project manager should begin executing the rollback plan. This action is taken to ensure that the system can be restored to its previous state without exceeding the downtime limit, thus minimizing the impact on the business operations.

**NEW QUESTION 75**

During a kickoff call, a project was rejected by the legal department due to the risk of violating new legislation. Which of the following was applied?

- A. Awareness of the local environment
- B. Awareness of the brand value
- C. Awareness of the resource constraints
- D. Awareness of the company's mission

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

Awareness of the local environment refers to the understanding of the external factors that may affect the project, such as legal, regulatory, social, cultural, economic, and environmental aspects<sup>1</sup>. In this case, the legal department applied this awareness to identify the potential risk of violating new legislation and rejected the project accordingly. This shows that the legal department was concerned about the compliance and reputation of the organization and the project in the local context. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 1: Project Management Concepts, page 17; Incorporating environmentalism into project management, Abstract and Definition of Terms sections.

**NEW QUESTION 76**

A project manager prefers to have immediate contact with team members because it allows for faster response times and more interactive discussions. Which of the following communication methods should the project manager use?

- A. Synchronous
- B. Informal
- C. Asynchronous
- D. Formal

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

The project manager should use synchronous communication methods if they prefer to have immediate contact with team members. Synchronous communication is a type of communication that occurs in real time and allows for faster response times and more interactive discussions. Examples of synchronous communication methods include phone calls, video conferences, instant messaging, and face-to-face meetings. Synchronous communication can help to build rapport, clarify doubts, and resolve issues quickly among team members.

Synchronous communication should be used when the project manager prefers to have immediate contact with team members. Synchronous communication allows for real-time interaction and feedback, enabling faster response times and more interactive discussions. References: CompTIA Project+ Study Guide Section 3.1.3

**NEW QUESTION 78**

During a brainstorming meeting, a project manager identifies multiple techniques that will help the project team ensure confidence and alignment with the project scope and goals. Which of the following plans is the project manager creating?

- A. Procurement
- B. Communication
- C. Quality assurance
- D. Risk

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The project manager is creating a quality assurance plan when identifying multiple techniques that will help the project team ensure confidence and alignment with the project scope and goals during a brainstorming meeting. A quality assurance plan is a plan that defines and documents the standards, criteria, methods, activities, and tools for ensuring and verifying that the quality requirements and expectations of a project are met. A quality assurance plan can help to improve the quality of the project processes and deliverables and prevent or reduce defects or errors.

**NEW QUESTION 81**

A project manager and team are reviewing a task that is supposed to take nine days to complete and cost \$3,000. There is a 20% chance that an associated risk related to changing requirements could occur, resulting in rework that would add an additional five days and \$1,000 in costs. Which of the following represents the total amount that should be budgeted for the task?

- A. 9 days and \$3,000
- B. 10 days and \$3,200
- C. 12 days and \$3,800
- D. 14 days and \$4,000

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The total amount that should be budgeted for the task is calculated by adding the expected value of the risk to the original estimate. The expected value of the risk is the product of the probability and the impact of the risk. In this case, the expected value of the risk is  $0.2 \times (5 \text{ days and } \$1,000) = 1 \text{ day and } \$200$ . Therefore, the total amount that should be budgeted for the task is 9 days and \$3,000 + 1 day and \$200 = 10 days and \$3,200.

**NEW QUESTION 86**

Which of the following should be the PRIMARY basis for establishing metrics that measure the effectiveness of an information security program?

- A. Residual risk
- B. Regulatory requirements
- C. Risk tolerance
- D. Control objectives

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Control objectives are the desired outcomes or goals of implementing security controls to mitigate risks and protect information assets. Control objectives should be the primary basis for establishing metrics that measure the effectiveness of an information security program, as they align with the business objectives, requirements, and expectations of the organization and its stakeholders. Metrics based on control objectives can help to evaluate the performance, efficiency, and maturity of the security program, and to identify gaps, issues, and areas for improvement. The other options are not correct because:

? Residual risk is the remaining risk after applying security controls. Residual risk is not a basis for establishing metrics, but rather a result of measuring the effectiveness of security controls. Residual risk should be monitored and reported, but it does not define the desired outcomes or goals of the security program.

? Regulatory requirements are the external standards, laws, and regulations that the organization must comply with to avoid legal or financial penalties. Regulatory requirements are not a basis for establishing metrics, but rather a constraint or a driver for the security program. Metrics based on regulatory requirements can help to demonstrate compliance, but they may not reflect the actual effectiveness or efficiency of the security program.

? Risk tolerance is the level of risk that the organization is willing to accept or bear.

Risk tolerance is not a basis for establishing metrics, but rather a factor or an input for the security program. Metrics based on risk tolerance can help to prioritize and allocate resources, but they may not measure the actual outcomes or goals of the security program. References = Key Performance Indicators for Security Governance, Part 1; 14 Cybersecurity Metrics + KPIs You Must Track in 2023; KPIs in Information Security: The 10 Most Important Security Metrics; Why metrics are crucial to proving cybersecurity programs' value; Implementing and Maintaining Security Program Metrics

**NEW QUESTION 89**

A customer requests some changes to a product, and those changes are approved by the CCB. Which of the following should be changed first?

- A. ROI
- B. KPI
- C. RACI
- D. SOW

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

The SOW (statement of work) is a document that defines the scope, deliverables, schedule, and resources of a project. It is a contractual agreement between the buyer and the seller that should be changed first when there are approved changes to the product. Changing the SOW will ensure that the project expectations and requirements are updated and aligned with the customer's requests. The other options are not documents that need to be changed first, but rather metrics or tools that can be used to measure or manage the project. References = CompTIA Project+ PK0-005 Certification Study Guide, Chapter 3: Initiating Projects; CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives, Domain 2: Project Planning, Objective 2.1: Develop a project scope document.

**NEW QUESTION 90**

An organization was fined due to an audit finding that revealed a third-party vendor was able to see secured project information in a recently implemented system. Which of the following was the cause of this situation?

- A. The ticket system provided access by default without any approval.
- B. The project manager did not perform proper project planning.
- C. The system is lacking proper access controls.
- D. Sensitive data was incorrectly classified during the audit process.

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

The system is lacking proper access controls if a third-party vendor was able to see secured project information in a recently implemented system that resulted in

a fine for the organization. Access controls are security mechanisms that regulate who or what can view, use, or modify data or resources in a system or network. Access controls typically involve authentication and authorization processes that verify the identity and permissions of users or devices before granting them access. Access controls can help to protect data confidentiality, integrity, and availability and prevent unauthorized access, misuse, or theft12

#### NEW QUESTION 94

After a release, the project sponsor received an escalation from an executive about the extension of the downtime after the scheduled window. Which of the following should be added to the issue log?

- A. Continuous integration
- B. Rollback plan
- C. Customer notification
- D. Automated testing

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

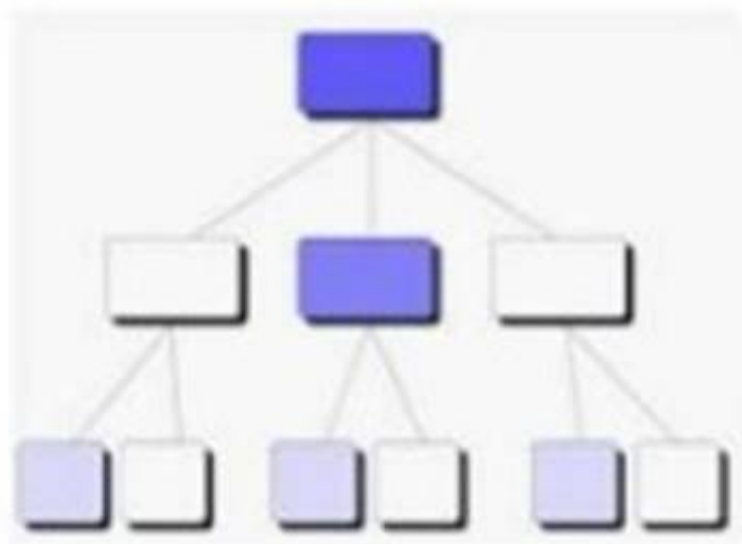
Customer notification should be added to the issue log after receiving an escalation from an executive about the extension of the downtime after the scheduled window. Customer notification is a communication activity that informs the customers about any issues or changes that may affect their satisfaction or expectations. Customer notification can help to maintain trust, transparency, and goodwill with the customers and prevent any negative impacts on their business operations or experience.

#### NEW QUESTION 98

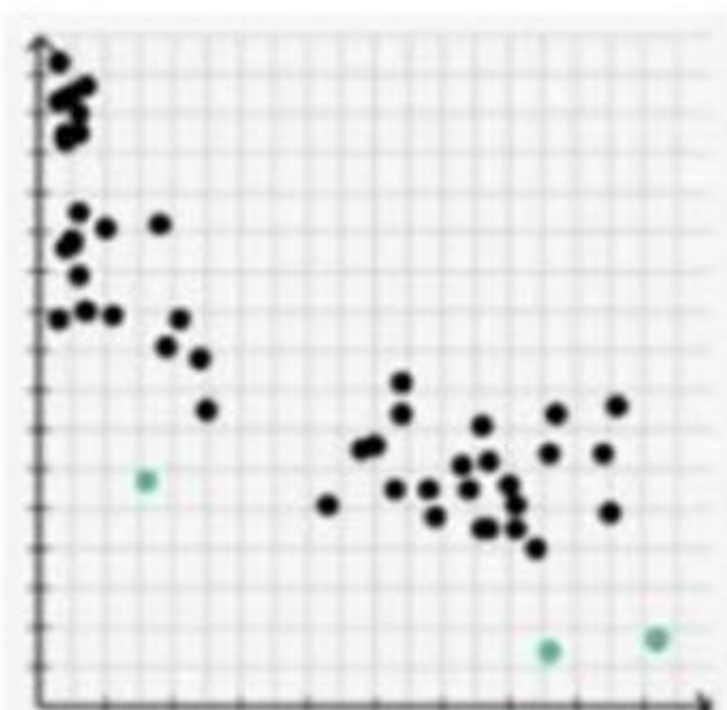
During the execution phase of a project, the project team faced an unexpected website downtime The project manager how a brainstorming session and the team identified causes and effects for the problem Now the project team needs to analyze and determine whether the particular cause and effect are related by using one of the following charts.

Which of the following should the team use?

A)

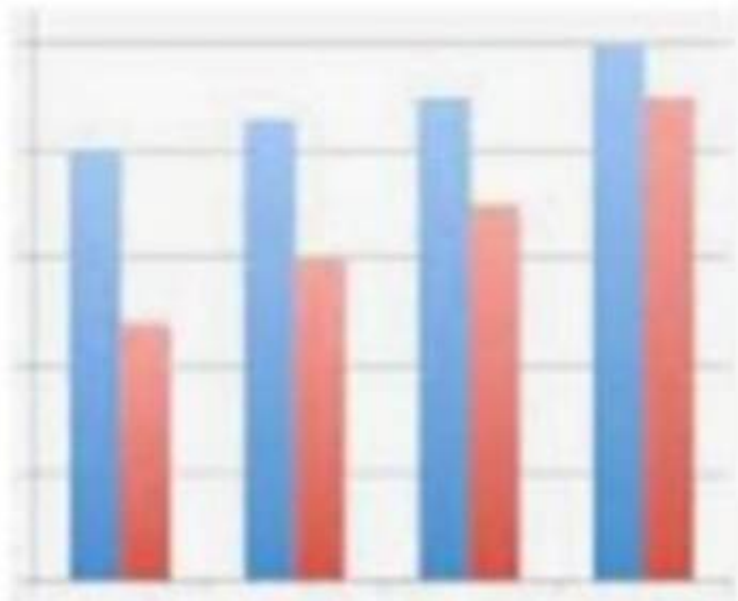


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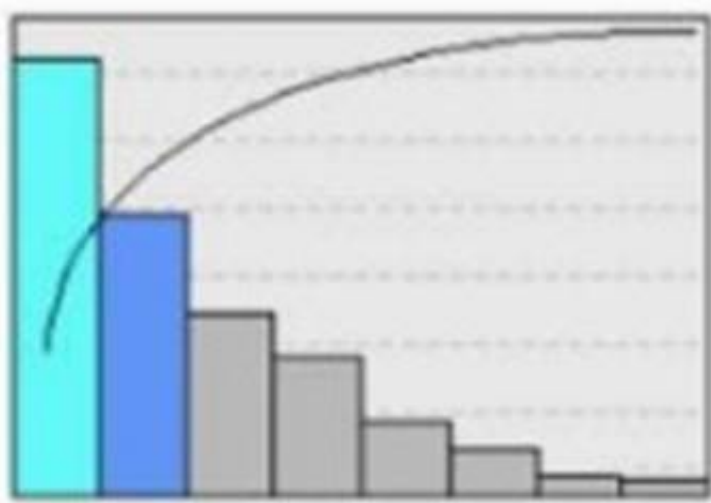


C)





D)



- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Option A shows a cause and effect diagram, also known as a fishbone diagram or an Ishikawa diagram<sup>1</sup>. This is a tool that helps to identify and analyze the root causes of a problem by displaying the possible causes and effects in a graphical format<sup>2</sup>. A cause and effect diagram can help the project team to determine whether the particular cause and effect are related by using a systematic and logical approach, such as asking “why” questions or using the 5 Whys technique<sup>3</sup>. A cause and effect diagram is better

than the other options because:

? Option B shows a Gantt chart, which is a tool that helps to plan and track the tasks, dependencies, durations, and resources of a project along a timeline<sup>5</sup>. A Gantt chart does not focus on the causes and effects of a problem, but rather on the sequence and progress of the project activities.

? Option C shows a pie chart, which is a tool that helps to compare and visualize the proportions of different categories or segments of data<sup>6</sup>. A pie chart does not show the relationships between the causes and effects of a problem, but rather the distribution of the data values.

? Option D shows a scatter plot, which is a tool that helps to examine the correlation or association between two variables or sets of data<sup>7</sup>. A scatter plot does not show the causes and effects of a problem, but rather the pattern or trend of the data points.

References = CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide<sup>8</sup>, CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives<sup>9</sup>, Cause and Effect Diagrams for PMP<sup>1</sup>, Cause and Effect Analysis: Using Fishbone Diagram and 5 Whys<sup>2</sup>, How to Create a Cause and Effect Diagram<sup>3</sup>, How to Use Cause and Effect Analysis to Solve Business Problems<sup>4</sup>, What is a Gantt Chart?<sup>5</sup>, What is a Pie Chart?<sup>6</sup>, What is a Scatter Plot?<sup>7</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 101**

While in the closing phase of a project, the project manager gathers feedback from stakeholders. Which of the following best describes a benefit of this feedback?

- A. It highlights the performance issues of the project manager and team members.
- B. It lets the project manager know which stakeholders are allies for future projects.
- C. It helps the project manager create a more structured lessons-learned session.
- D. It identifies the stakeholders' real opinions about the project.

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Gathering feedback from stakeholders in the closing phase of a project is a valuable activity that can help the project manager create a more structured lessons-learned session. A lessons-learned session is a meeting where the project team and stakeholders review the project outcomes, successes, failures, and best practices, and document the lessons learned for future reference and improvement. Feedback from stakeholders can provide useful insights, perspectives, and suggestions on how the project was managed, what went well, what went wrong, and what can be done better next time. Feedback from stakeholders can also help the project manager identify the gaps, issues, and risks that occurred during the project, and how they were resolved or mitigated. By collecting and analyzing feedback from stakeholders, the project manager can create a more comprehensive and structured lessons-learned report that can benefit the organization and the project management profession<sup>12</sup>.

The other options are not the best descriptions of the benefit of feedback from stakeholders. While feedback from stakeholders may highlight the performance issues of the project manager and team members (option A), or identify the stakeholders' real opinions about the project (option D), these are not the primary purposes or benefits of feedback. Feedback from stakeholders is not meant to evaluate or judge the project manager or team members, but to learn from the

project experience and improve the project management processes and practices. Similarly, feedback from stakeholders is not meant to reveal their personal feelings or preferences about the project, but to assess the project results and deliverables against the project objectives and requirements. Feedback from stakeholders may also let the project manager know which stakeholders are allies for future projects (option B), but this is not a direct or significant benefit of feedback. Feedback from stakeholders is not intended to build or maintain relationships with stakeholders, but to solicit their input and feedback on the project performance and outcomes. While having allies among stakeholders may be helpful for future projects, this is not the main goal or benefit of feedback from stakeholders<sup>1</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 106**

Which of the following best describes a manufacturer's obligation to repair or change, without extra costs, any part of a product that is not functioning?

- A. Service-level agreement
- B. Functional testing
- C. Warranty period
- D. Audit

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

A warranty period is the time during which a manufacturer or seller agrees to repair or replace a product that is defective or does not meet the specified standards. A warranty period can be expressed in terms of duration (e.g., one year) or usage (e.g., 10,000 miles). A warranty period is a form of consumer protection that obliges the manufacturer or seller to bear the costs of repairing or changing any part of the product that is not functioning properly<sup>1</sup>.

**NEW QUESTION 108**

A global franchise requests that a company provide a solution to unify its operation worldwide. Additionally, the company would like the solution to provide operation reports in real time without asking the country franchise manager for these reports. Which of the following cloud models would the company suggest to the global franchise?

- A. IaaS
- B. XaaS
- C. PaaS
- D. SaaS

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

SaaS, or software as a service, is a cloud model that provides on-demand access to ready-to-use, cloud-hosted application software. SaaS is the best solution for the global franchise, because it can unify its operation worldwide by using the same software platform across different locations and devices. Additionally, SaaS can provide operation reports in real time without asking the country franchise manager for these reports, because the cloud service provider manages the data collection, analysis, and presentation in the cloud. SaaS also offers the benefits of scalability, reliability, security, and cost-effectiveness for the global franchise. SaaS is different from IaaS, or infrastructure as a service, which provides on-demand access to cloud-hosted computing infrastructure, such as servers, storage, and networking. IaaS is not suitable for the global franchise, because it requires the franchise to manage and maintain its own software applications and data on the cloud infrastructure. IaaS also does not provide operation reports in real time, unless the franchise develops its own reporting tools and processes. SaaS is also different from XaaS, or anything as a service, which is a generic term that encompasses various types of cloud services, such as IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, and others. XaaS is not a specific cloud model that the company can suggest to the global franchise, but rather a broad category of cloud offerings. SaaS is also different from PaaS, or platform as a service, which provides on-demand access to a complete, ready-to-use, cloud-hosted platform for developing, running, maintaining, and managing applications. PaaS is not ideal for the global franchise, because it requires the franchise to develop and deploy its own software applications on the cloud platform, which may be more complex and time-consuming than using a ready-made SaaS solution. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 5: Project Scope Management<sup>1</sup>; CompTIA Project+ Certification Study Guide, 3rd Edition, Chapter 5: Project Scope Management<sup>2</sup>; IaaS vs. PaaS vs. SaaS<sup>3</sup>

**NEW QUESTION 110**

In the initiation phase, a PM is reviewing the objectives, the high-level requirements, the success criteria, and the budget resources. Which of the following action items will benefit from this analysis?

- A. Developing a RACI
- B. Identifying and assessing stakeholders
- C. Assigning project resources
- D. Establishing communication channels

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Identifying and assessing stakeholders is an action item that will benefit from the analysis of the objectives, the high-level requirements, the success criteria, and the budget resources in the initiation phase. By reviewing these elements, the PM can determine who are the key individuals or groups that have an interest or influence in the project, what are their expectations and needs, and how to engage them effectively throughout the project life cycle<sup>12</sup>.

**NEW QUESTION 115**

A project manager has decided to outsource portions of a project and will conduct a separate procurement. In which of the following phases does this task occur?

- A. Planning
- B. Initiating
- C. Controlling
- D. Executing

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

This answer is based on the understanding that outsourcing is a form of procurement, which is one of the knowledge areas in project management. Procurement involves acquiring goods and services from external sources to support the project objectives. According to the CompTIA Project+ Study Guide<sup>1</sup>, procurement

activities occur mainly in the planning phase of the project, where the project manager identifies the project needs, defines the scope of work, evaluates the potential vendors, and prepares the procurement documents. The other options are not correct because:

? Initiating is the phase where the project manager defines the project purpose, objectives, and deliverables, and obtains the project charter and stakeholder approval. Initiating does not involve procurement activities, although it may involve some preliminary research on the feasibility and availability of external resources.

? Controlling is the phase where the project manager monitors and measures the project performance, compares it with the baseline, and implements corrective actions if needed. Controlling does involve some procurement activities, such as reviewing the vendor deliverables, managing the changes, and resolving the issues, but these are not the main tasks of procurement.

? Executing is the phase where the project manager leads and directs the project team and other resources to complete the project work according to the plan. Executing does involve some procurement activities, such as selecting the vendor, signing the contract, and managing the relationship, but these are not the main tasks of procurement. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0- 005, 3rd Edition, Chapter 8: Planning Projects, Part 4 (Procurement and Communication), pages 243-260; CompTIA Project+ Certification Exam Objectives, Domain 2: Project Planning, Objective 2.5: Given a scenario, plan procurement for a project.

#### NEW QUESTION 118

A project manager is leading the implementation of a new service for a well-known, global company for which brand image is most important. The project will rely on contracted services. As part of the request for proposal process, the project team has identified a short list of vendors to submit proposals. Which of the following items should the project team consider as a primary factor to remove a vendor from consideration?

- A. The vendor's proposed schedule does not align with the desired schedule.
- B. The vendor is new and not well established in the market.
- C. The vendor has been linked to ESG concerns within the past month
- D. The vendor's quote was the highest of all the proposals.

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

ESG stands for environmental, social, and governance, and it refers to the criteria that measure the sustainability and ethical impact of an organization. ESG concerns can affect the reputation, performance, and value of a company, as well as its stakeholders and customers. For a well-known, global company that values its brand image, hiring a vendor that has been linked to ESG concerns can be a major risk and a source of negative publicity. Therefore, the project team should consider this as a primary factor to remove a vendor from consideration<sup>12</sup>.

#### NEW QUESTION 120

A project manager identifies stakeholders who will be impacted when a new product is delivered to the company. The project manager notices that more stakeholders will be positively impacted than negatively impacted. Which of the following actions should the project manager take?

- A. List both positively and negatively impacted stakeholders.
- B. Update the communication plan with the new findings.
- C. List the negatively impacted stakeholders only.
- D. List the positively impacted stakeholders only.

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

When a project manager identifies stakeholders who will be impacted by the delivery of a new product, it is important to update the communication plan to reflect these findings. This ensures that all stakeholders are informed about the project's progress and how it may affect them, fostering transparency and managing expectations.

References = The answer is based on standard project management practices and the typical use of communication plans in stakeholder management. For detailed information, please refer to the CompTIA Project+ Study Guide and other official CompTIA resources.

#### NEW QUESTION 125

A project was closed according to the planned project schedule. Security teams later identified that one of the contractors stole data after the project's closure. Which of the following would have most likely prevented the data from being stolen?

- A. Removing access
- B. Closing contracts
- C. Project sign-off
- D. Project evaluation

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Removing access means revoking the contractor's permissions to access the project data, systems, and devices after the project is closed. This is a crucial security measure to prevent unauthorized access, misuse, or theft of sensitive data by external parties. Closing contracts, project sign-off, and project evaluation are important steps in the project closure process, but they do not necessarily prevent data theft by themselves. They may involve formal agreements, documentation, and feedback, but they do not address the technical aspects of data security. References = CompTIA Project+ Study Guide: Exam PK0-005, Third Edition, Chapter 14: Closing the Project, page 3771; 9 Ways to Prevent Third-Party Data Breaches in 2023<sup>2</sup>; 3 Ways to Prevent Data Theft by Contractors<sup>3</sup>

#### NEW QUESTION 129

To gather requirements from stakeholders, the project manager sits down with them and allows them to discuss freely. Which a following technique is the project manager utilizing?

- A. Process moving
- B. Brainstorming
- C. Interview
- D. Focus group

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

A focus group is a technique that involves bringing together a group of stakeholders and facilitating a discussion to elicit their opinions, needs, and expectations about the project. This technique can help to gather requirements from stakeholders in an interactive and collaborative way1, p. 67

**NEW QUESTION 133**

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