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#### NEW QUESTION 1

An organization adopts Agile practices and implements an incremental delivery strategy. If implemented correctly, the company should recognize improved:

- A. procurement processes by requiring vendors to ship materials as needed.
- B. project cost management by making incremental payments on contracts.
- C. customer satisfaction by specifying project shipping dates in the contract.
- D. project Return on Investment (ROI) by releasing individual features to market.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 2

Which of the seven principles of software development is best intended to solve the problem of inventories causing hidden errors in the process?

- A. Fast-Flexible-Flow
- B. Optimize the Whole
- C. Deliver Early and Often
- D. Eliminate Waste

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 3

Refactoring, as it applies to the practice of extreme Programming (XP), refers to:

- A. Restructuring the estimate by applying a higher cost performance index during what-if analysis.
- B. Modifying the project due to scope changes, resource availability, and cost and schedule variances.
- C. Modifying the cost baseline due to an increased estimate at completion and a negative cost variance.
- D. Restructuring of code so as to improve the code without changing its external behavior.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 4

A development team has finished identifying the tasks they will be accountable for during the next sprint. Which of the following tools best provides transparency into the progress throughout the sprint?

- A. Burndown chart
- B. Gantt chart
- C. Hours expended chart
- D. Management baseline chart

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 5

For the best results in an Agile project, customers should:

- A. set priorities and identify product features.
- B. interview new team members for fit.
- C. approve development plans and tasks.
- D. set sprint and release schedules.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 6

A project team estimates that they should complete 30 story points in the current iteration. Partway through the iteration they realize that they will complete 50 story points at their current rate. The team should:

- A. Shorten the iteration to meet the estimated velocity.
- B. Continue to work with the estimated velocity.
- C. Increase their estimated velocity.
- D. Release members to meet the estimated velocity.

**Answer: D**

#### NEW QUESTION 7

What is the first thing that a team should do to estimate user stories for a project?

- A. Sort the user stories according to priority.
- B. Schedule a team meeting to understand them.
- C. Define the story points measure.
- D. Estimate through function point analysis.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 8

In an Agile approach, project values are most effectively implemented when they are determined by the:

- A. sponsor
- B. team
- C. project manager
- D. methodology

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 9

During the daily standup meeting, a team member states that an issue has been encountered. This leads to the team members getting into a problem-solving discussion. How should the ScrumMaster respond?

- A. Ask the team members to table the discussion until after the meeting is over.
- B. If the item is really important, allow the discussion to expedite resolution of the issue.
- C. Abruptly end the daily standup meeting and schedule another meeting to discuss the issue.
- D. Ask the team how they would like to use the daily standup meeting for that day.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 10

What is a high-level representation of the features or themes that are to be delivered in each release?

- A. Release plan
- B. Product roadmap
- C. Iteration plan
- D. Product Backlog

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 10

A story point is the:

- A. Relative measure of the size of a user story.
- B. Duration it takes to complete a user story.
- C. Priority of the user story in the backlog.
- D. Business value of the user story.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 12

The following chart lists stories for a release of an Agile project:

Story	Story Points
A	4
B	5
C	6
D	5
E	4
F	6
G	1

If the velocity of the team is 10, how many iterations will be needed to complete all of the stories?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 7

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 17

The three questions asked at every Daily Scrum should be: “What have you accomplished since the last Daily Scrum?”; “What are you planning to accomplish between now and the next Daily Scrum?”; and:

- A. What is preventing you from completing your work effectively?
- B. What is your current performance velocity?
- C. Are you on track to complete assigned story points?

D. How many story points will you complete this sprint?

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 22

A ScrumMaster:

- A. prioritizes the work for each iteration.
- B. directs the activities of the team.
- C. provides leadership, guidance, and coaching.
- D. manages the project scope and budget.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 25

The best description of the purpose of the daily standup in Agile projects is to:

- A. Resolve the key issues and risks that are likely to hinder project progress.
- B. Provide insight and reassurance to the Product Owner to strengthen that relationship.
- C. Inform the project lead of project status for reporting to stakeholders.
- D. Raise the visibility of each person's work and to ensure the work is integrated.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 29

Information transmission is greatest amongst team members who are working on:

- A. Individual tasks in the same work area.
- B. The same task through pair programming.
- C. The same group of tasks individually.
- D. Different tasks on the same project.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 30

Which layer of the product planning structure defines details at the capability or feature level?

- A. Iteration
- B. Roadmap
- C. Release
- D. Wave

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 32

A value stream map is a tool used to identify the:

- A. Waste across the entire process.
- B. Highest value product features.
- C. Most valuable team interactions.
- D. Most likely flow of project risks.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 35

According to the Agile Manifesto, which of the following describes the more valued items?

- A. Customer collaboration, following a plan, working software, and individual interactions
- B. Working software, individual interactions, responding to change, and comprehensive documentation
- C. Individual interactions, working software, customer collaboration, and responding to change
- D. Responding to change, individual interactions, processes and tools, and customer collaboration

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 36

A user story says that a product must be very fast. During the demo, the Product Owner is dissatisfied with the speed of the product. The most likely reason that this occurred is because the user story was:

- A. Too large.
- B. Not estimated correctly.
- C. Not testable.
- D. Not descriptive of the value.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 38

Who is responsible for making sure that each user story is associated with at least one user role or persona?

- A. User
- B. Developer
- C. Customer
- D. Persona

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 43

Which best describes the attributes of the INVEST criteria in a user story?

- A. Incremental, Net, Variation, Exceed, Scope, and Training
- B. Interdependent, Nonfunctional, Value, Exploratory, Sprint, and Timebox
- C. Innovation, Nested, Vision, Estimating, Scalable, and Team
- D. Independent, Negotiable, Valuable, Estimable, Small, and Testable

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 48

Which of the following drivers is the most important factor in determining the order in which stories will be developed?

- A. Relative cost
- B. Customer value
- C. Development effort
- D. Dependencies

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 50

What are the primary outputs of a release planning session?

- A. Release vision, assumptions, action items, and iteration goals
- B. Prioritized Product Backlog, risks, action items, and release goals
- C. Estimated iteration velocities, risks, action items, and Release Backlog
- D. Risks, action items, dependencies, and Release Backlog

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 53

An Agile team best ensures product quality through:

- A. The development team's use of pair programming.
- B. Quality assurance's daily collaboration with the development team.
- C. More frequent inspection after each iteration.
- D. Feedback gathered during iteration retrospectives.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 58

Which of the following techniques best encourages osmotic communication?

- A. Reviewing requirements frequently with the Product Owner
- B. Having the Product Owner attend daily standups
- C. Inviting the customer to attend every iteration demo
- D. Seating the team members together in a work area

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 60

Team velocity is used to:

- A. Measure the percentage of features completed.
- B. Judge productivity within the iteration.
- C. Predict schedules for mature teams.
- D. Give feedback on delivered value.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 63

A business analyst has identified a new risk in an Agile project. What is the best first step the business analyst should take regarding this risk?

- A. Call a meeting with the project manager and senior management to determine how the risk will be managed.
- B. Email the project manager and add it to the risk register so that it is discussed during the next daily standup.

- C. Add the risk in a clearly visible location and ensure it is discussed after the next daily stand up.
- D. Call an immediate meeting with all team members to discuss the newly identified risk.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 66

The velocity chart, storyboard, burndown chart, and impediment list are often communicated using:

- A. Status reports.
- B. Information radiators.
- C. Portfolio presentations.
- D. Project data packages.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 68

At a strategic level, what is the most appropriate way for an Agile team to estimate a project?

- A. Creating a strategic plan by estimating hours and days required
- B. Using an abstract measurement to estimate Product Backlog items
- C. Estimating source lines of code needed to implement the features
- D. Taking an initial set of estimates and adding an appropriate risk factor

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 70

A common estimation unit for Agile projects is:

- A. Lines of code.
- B. Function points
- C. Story points.
- D. Use-case points.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 71

Agile Earned Value Management (EVM) would be a valuable technique for managing a project because the:

- A. project is in a CM MI-certified organization.
- B. customer wants to maximize delivered value,
- C. cost performance must be reported.
- D. team is newly formed or new to Agile.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 73

What is the common communication bridge between the team and the Product Owner?

- A. Burndown chart
- B. Product Backlog
- C. Scrum team meeting
- D. Sprint release plan

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 76

Which answer best describes Wide Band Delphi (e. g. Planning Poker) estimating?

- A. Team members provide story estimates individually and discuss their reasoning until a consensus on the estimate is reached.
- B. Team performance on prior projects is analyzed, and actual hours and durations are used to determine estimates for similar user stories.
- C. Team members apply relative sizing to each task, and story points are triangulated based on the other stories in the Sprint Backlog.
- D. Team members assign a realistic and a pessimistic estimate to each story, and points are assigned based on the calculated average.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 79

The best approach to estimate the work on a project when using story points is to have:

- A. Team members assign estimates by averaging Planning Poker cards.
- B. The most senior team member prepare the estimates.
- C. Two or three senior team members estimate and take the average of their times.
- D. The team work together to agree on estimates in a group setting.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 83

The primary purpose of a Sprint retrospective is for the team to:

- A. Review stories planned for the next sprint and provide estimates,
- B. Demonstrate completed user stories to the Product Owner.
- C. Discuss what went well, what didn't, and ways to improve.
- D. Individually provide status updates on user stories in progress.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 84

What is one of the main benefits that Lean portfolio management provides to a business?

- A. Maximizing work-in-progress
- B. Quality and thoughtfulness
- C. Line of sight to business needs
- D. Maximizing multitasking

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 87

What is the best description of the relationship between Scrum and extremeProgramming(XP)?

- A. XP is a component of Scrum.
- B. The principles of each are often complementary.
- C. Scrum is a component of XP.
- D. The principles of each are often contradictory.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 90

Which of the following is part of the 12 practices defined in eXtreme Programming (XP)?

- A. Risk management
- B. Small releases
- C. Project management
- D. Project charter

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 91

During which activity is the sequence of numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13 often used?

- A. Denoting development sequence
- B. Estimating development hours
- C. Indicating priority of a story
- D. Estimating points of a story

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 94

Risk exposure is the:

- A. Funds set aside to contain the risk.
- B. Probability a risk will occur.
- C. Amount of money the risk will cost if it occurs.
- D. Amount of damage to the project if the risk occurs.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 97

For a critical project, a new team has been formed from various departments. The project manager should start team building by:

- A. Creating a project charter, documenting roles and responsibilities of each member, and sending it to the team members.
- B. Taking the team offsite for icebreaker sessions and other activities to ensure team members get to know each other.
- C. Assembling the team and discussing roles and responsibilities of each member on the team.
- D. Assembling the team and asking the members to achieve a milestone in a small iteration.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 98

When using Agile Earned Value Management (EVM), progress should be measured at which level?

- A. Task
- B. Iteration



- C. Product
- D. Release

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 101

On a team new to Scrum, two team members are disrupting the daily standup with a side conversation. The ScrumMaster should:

- A. wait until the standup is over and then talk to the disruptive team members.
- B. immediately intervene to remedy the disruptive situation.
- C. record the issue and then raise the issue at the Sprint Retrospective.
- D. wait for the empowered, self-organizing team to resolve the issue.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 103

Spike solutions are appropriate when:

- A. the business requirements are vague or inadequate for an iteration.
- B. a technology is understood well and has been used for a while, but needs a problem to be debugged.
- C. there is insufficient time to refactor, but there is a need to resolve a specific problem.
- D. a specific technicalQUESTION NO:needs to be answered, stopping work on the spike as soon as it answers that question.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 106

In a Lean project environment, visual controls:

- A. Can be used by management for communicating specific corrective direction.
- B. Are easy to use, reflect the team's progress, and show the team what to do next.
- C. Are helpful while the team is forming but are less important for more experienced teams.
- D. Should be kept to a minimum to avoid distracting the team from high-value activities.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 110

Which tool allows the Product Owner to focus on providing the greatest value and Return on Investment (ROI) to the organization?

- A. Burn up chart
- B. Product Backlog
- C. Affinity estimate
- D. Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 115

In Agile projects, the technique in which planning is done at three distinct horizons is known as:

- A. Monte Carlo Analysis.
- B. Portfolio Management.
- C. DelphiTechnique.
- D. Progressive Elaboration.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 116

The purpose of a project burndown chart is to:

- A. Identify and communicate upcoming milestones.
- B. Display the level of effort and resources utilized.
- C. Identify dependencies between sprints or iterations.
- D. Display the remaining work across time.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 118

Test-Driven Development (TDD) is a rapid cycle of:

- A. Requirements, coding, and testing.
- B. Testing, coding, and refactoring.
- C. Testing, refactoring, and validation.
- D. Requirements, coding, and refactoring.

**Answer:** B

#### NEW QUESTION 123

How is the participatory design process characterized?

- A. A well-planned and well-documented process is documented for each of the iterations in the project.
- B. Users including project team members participate in the planning process for the project plan.
- C. End users participate and assist in the design process from the beginning of the project.
- D. A high level brainstorming process is conducted for the project team and the project sponsor.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 128

The process of reviewing, testing, and accepting implemented features is called:

- A. Retrospective.
- B. Stakeholder review.
- C. Scope verification.
- D. Iteration planning.

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 130

Which type of story would be used when an estimate is not available due to lack of knowledge of the technology required to implement the story?

- A. Defect
- B. Slack
- C. Spike
- D. Nonfunctional

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 132

The most appropriate model for a geographically distributed project team is one in which the team is distributed across:

- A. relatively few locations, with each location team comprised of a complete development group developing decoupled subsystems.
- B. locations in the same time zone, working on the same systems while leveraging rich communication channels.
- C. relatively few locations, and tasks are divided along functional lines with design in one location, coding in another, and testing in another.
- D. many locations, with relatively few people at each location developing and testing decoupled subsystems.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 134

Agile communication is effective because:

- A. release and iteration planning keep team members aligned, daily synchronization eliminates confusion, and iteration demonstrations keep the team focused on deliverables.
- B. Agile communication methods focus on detailed, written requirements and specificationsthat are more complete and allow the team to manage change more effectively.
- C. the use of charts and diagrams over written reports creates clear, targeted communication, and customer involvement in monthly reviews eliminates changes in requirements.
- D. daily iteration planning allows change to be managed, and weekly standup meetings ensure that impediments are quickly identified and effectively managed or removed.

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 138

eXtreme Programming (XP) teams strive to avoid:

- A. Incremental design and architecture.
- B. Pair programming.
- C. Manual regression testing.
- D. Test-Driven Development (TDD).

**Answer: C**

#### NEW QUESTION 140

Agile project development processes typically:

- A. Encapsulate analysis, design, code, and test within an iteration.
- B. Document each business process individually and in detail.
- C. Use a Gantt chart with well-defined activities, responsibilities, and time frames.
- D. Map the iteration backlog to a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).

**Answer: A**

#### NEW QUESTION 143

What do project reports show during the Sprint review meeting?

- A. Estimates compared to the baseline
- B. Actual results to the plan
- C. Return on investment (ROI)
- D. Earned value measurement (EVM)

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 146

A technique showing Kanban work stages by comparing counted features over a time interval is called a/an:

- A. Earned value system.
- B. Fully integrated backlog.
- C. Cumulative flow diagram.
- D. Progressive elaboration.

**Answer:** C

#### NEW QUESTION 149

What is one of the benefits of incremental delivery?

- A. Value is delivered more quickly, as software can be released after every iteration.
- B. More customers can be handled simultaneously, as each regularly receives a delivery.
- C. Fewer bugs are introduced, as code is delivered to users more frequently.
- D. Costs are reduced, as less verification is required to regression test each iteration.

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 154

Which of the following is a list of valid Agile project planning practices?

- A. Release planning, Iteration planning, and Estimation
- B. Estimation, Spike Solutions, and Iteration planning
- C. Iteration planning, Continuous Integration, and Estimation
- D. Vision, Release planning, and Performance Optimization

**Answer:** A

#### NEW QUESTION 157

The Kaizen philosophy is change:

- A. For the better.
- B. Driven by process improvement.
- C. Driven by teams.
- D. For small groups.

**Answer:** D

#### NEW QUESTION 160

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