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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

What is used to provide a simple medium for gathering basic information about stories, recording high-level requirements, developing work estimates, and defining acceptance tests?

- A. Story card
- B. Burndown chart
- C. Retrospective
- D. Storyboard

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 3

A company is starting to introduce Agile practices, and the project manager has been asked to identify how to introduce the new process. The project manager's initial plan should be to:

- A. Institute daily standup meetings immediately.
- B. Communicate the Agile Manifesto to the team.
- C. Balance teaching principles with Agile practices.
- D. Rate the team's progress in learning new methods.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 4

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 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

The advantage of face-to-face collaboration emphasized in eXtreme Programming (XP) is that it:

- A. allows team members to use common language in their design and code.
- B. delays feedback much more than scheduled inspections.
- C. eliminates communication delays and misunderstandings.
- D. allows team members to correct some mistakes on the fly.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 7

Which are some of the most important benefits of an Agile team sitting together in a co-located, open environment?

- A. Osmotic communication is reduced; space is used more efficiently; groups work together more effectively, and team dynamics are improved.
- B. Costs are reduced as the need for conference rooms decreases, and the team can keep track of where members are more accurately.
- C. Team members can be held more accountable for their time and effort, and pair programming is easier as people have less distance to move to sit with their partner.
- D. Communication is improved; wait-time and rework are reduced; barriers between groups break down, and groups gain respect for each other professionally.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

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 9

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 10

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 14

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 19

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 24

Applying the Pareto rule when prioritizing the Product Backlog means that:

- A. features that are lower priority are more likely to slip to the next iteration.
- B. the value of a feature is not realized until the feature is complete.
- C. more recent requests are usually more important to the business.
- D. a small percentage of the work will provide a large percentage of the value.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 25

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 27

Velocity is the:

- A. total number of Product Backlog hours completed in an iteration divided by the number of developers.
- B. measured rate at which teams turn Product Backlog items into running, tested features.
- C. measured rate at which the project manager turns the Product Backlog into tested features.
- D. total number of Product Backlog hours completed when developers work in pairs.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 30

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 32

Since the last iteration, the team has grown from six members to 14 members. As a result, in the current iteration, the team room is crowded and uncomfortable during the team's daily standup. It takes the team longer than the ideal amount of time to complete their standup, which creates problems for the team's current schedule. Based on this information, the project manager should:

- A. Move the standup to a conference call format so space is not a problem.
- B. Increase the standup duration and update the team's calendars.
- C. Assign each team member a maximum speaking time for future standups.
- D. Split the team into sub teams and have them schedule separate standups.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 35

The cost estimation techniques used on Agile projects are:

- A. Rule of thumb
- B. Bottom-up
- C. Parametric
- D. Top-down

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 36

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 37

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 42

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 47

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 50

Which of the following statements is an accurate value statement of the Agile Manifesto?

- A. People and places over processes and guidelines
- B. Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- C. Working software over complete specifications
- D. Managing change over managing a plan

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 55

The purpose of the iteration retrospective is to:

- A. Report progress of the work effort, what work will be done next, and review impediments to progress.
- B. Prioritize the Product Backlog, generate development and testing estimates, and plan the next iteration.
- C. Provide a demonstration of the features developed during the iteration, get feedback from users, and begin testing.
- D. Identify what worked well, what did not work well, and what actions should be taken to improve the process.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 59

During iteration planning, the team is discussing the design for a user story. A team member states that a design document should be started since the system is complex in nature. Another team member responds that in Agile there is no documentation. How should the ScrumMaster respond?

- A. Agree that documentation should be avoided, since it slows the progress of the team.
- B. Explain that interactions are valued over documentation, but documentation is not forbidden.
- C. Ask the manager if the technical processes mandate that designs be documented.
- D. Ask the Product Owner if it is acceptable for the resources to spend time on documentation.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 64

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 66

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 70

A high-performance Agile team:

- A. is fully committed to team success yet respects the prescribed roles and titles of team members.
- B. owns its decisions and commitments and is motivated to succeed at any cost.
- C. is self-organizing, empowered to make decisions, and consensus-driven, with constructive disagreement.
- D. produces a high volume of business value through intensive collaboration and avoidance of conflict.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 73

An Agile team expects a velocity of 8. During sprint planning, the stories were estimated and prioritized in the following order:
Story A_4Story Points Story B_2Story Points Story C_3 Story Points Story D_2Story Points
Which stories should the team include in Sprint 1, without splitting the stories?

- A. Stories A, C, and D
- B. Stories A, B, and C
- C. Stories A, B, and D
- D. Stories B, C, and D

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 77

How does Empirical Process Control support Agile methodologies?

- A. Testing, requirements, and adaptation
- B. Testing, requirements, and change
- C. Visibility, review, and testing
- D. Visibility, inspection, and adaptation

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 78

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 79

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 83

When an Agile project team receives an “emergency request” during an iteration, which is the best first step that the Agile project manager should take?

- A. Stop work on unfinished user stories and work on the urgent request.
- B. Call a team meeting and change the iteration scope to include the request.
- C. Provide the customer with options provided by the project team.
- D. Explain that the team cannot do the added work until the next iteration.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 87

In a vision meeting, the vision for the project is defined and presented by the:

- A. management
- B. project manager
- C. customer
- D. project team

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 88

The most powerful capability of Scrum teams is that they:

- A. Work in timeboxed sprints.
- B. Are self-organized and empowered.
- C. Work from a prioritized backlog.
- D. Value individuals and interactions.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 91

Which of the following is a list of capabilities, features, and stories that the Product Owner has identified?

- A. Burndown chart

- B. Story card
- C. Vision document
- D. Backlog

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 94

A common reason that a story may not be estimable is that the:

- A. team lacks domain knowledge.
- B. business needs are prioritized over the system design.
- C. developers do not understand the tasks related to the story.
- D. team has no experience in estimating.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 97

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 100

Which term best describes an Agile project's approach to risk analysis?

- A. Regression
- B. Pareto
- C. Qualitative
- D. Monte Carlo

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 104

On what should Agile estimates be based?

- A. A Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) from each iteration aligned with the project management plan
- B. A disciplined iteration schedule, which improves predictability, combined with reaction to changes
- C. Ball park figures collected from past Agile projects with scopes similar to the current project
- D. Initial resource breakdown based on the available person days in the full project duration

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 109

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 110

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 115

The ScrumMaster and the Product Owner disagree on the value of a Product Backlog item. In order to resolve the disagreement, the first step the ScrumMaster should take is to ask:

- A. The Product Owner to clarify the requirement.
- B. The business owner to resolve the problem.
- C. The business analyst to research the product value.
- D. Another project manager how to resolve the problem.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 117

Estimating costs for an Agile project starts with which of the following types of meetings?

- A. Project Retrospective
- B. Steering Committee
- C. Release Planning
- D. Sprint Planning

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 121

In Agile projects, how are planning outputs shared with stakeholders?

- A. Using the most highly visible method possible
- B. On a need-to-know basis depending on role
- C. According to the project communications plan
- D. Through a series of stakeholder meetings

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 122

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 126

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 127

For a "caves and commonroom arrangement, the most appropriate prerequisite is that the people in the room must be working on:

- A. Whatever they choose.
- B. Individual projects.
- C. The same set of multiple projects,
- D. The same project.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 131

When facilitated and managed well, the primary benefits of a project retrospective should be to:

- A. Increase empowerment and enjoyment for the team.
- B. Identify the most important issues for the sponsors.
- C. Provide an open forum for team member complaints.
- D. Allow the team to get ahead on release planning.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 133

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 138

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