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QUESTION NO: 1

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Your team members were having a discussion about the purpose behind the development of the Portfolio Charter and they came to you for advice because they could not agree on a common answer. What would be your advice to them?

A. To develop the Portfolio Management Plan

B. To authorize the portfolio manager to apply portfolio resources to portfolio components and to execute the portfolio management processes

C. To develop the Portfolio roadmap

D. To set specific timelines for the portfolio

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

The Portfolio Charter is developed to formally establish the portfolio and give the portfolio manager the authority needed to manage it. In practical terms, it identifies the portfolio's purpose, strategic objectives, governance expectations, high-level boundaries, and the authority assigned to the portfolio manager. That authorization enables the manager to apply approved portfolio resources to portfolio components and carry out portfolio management processes, including evaluating, prioritizing, balancing, authorizing, and monitoring components in alignment with organizational strategy.

This formal authorization is important because portfolio decisions commonly involve competing investments, constrained resources, risks, and strategic trade-offs that cross project and program boundaries. The charter therefore provides the mandate under which the portfolio manager operates and establishes the basis for stakeholder alignment and governance. PMI's portfolio management standard describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of components to achieve organizational strategic objectives, with governance and decision-making authority supporting that work. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and its overview of portfolio management implementation.

QUESTION NO: 2

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A new portfolio is initiated with you as the portfolio manager, you started by developing the portfolio strategic plan and are currently reviewing the Organizational Process Assets; which of the options can be a part of this input?

A. List of portfolio components and Portfolio component selection criteria

B. Portfolio Components files

C. Inventory of Work

D. IT Strategies and Policies

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Portfolio Components files is the correct answer because component-related records held by the organization are an organizational process asset that can inform development of a portfolio strategic plan. These files can contain established information about current or proposed programs, projects, operations, and other portfolio components, including their status, dependencies, performance history, business cases, and relevant prior decisions. Reviewing this organizational knowledge helps the portfolio manager understand the existing component landscape and establish a strategic plan that is realistic, traceable, and aligned with how the organization manages and governs its investments.

PMI describes organizational process assets as plans, processes, policies, procedures, and organizational knowledge bases that may be used by a portfolio or project. Component files fit this category because they are maintained records and knowledge artifacts available to support portfolio-management work. In the context of a newly initiated portfolio, they provide valuable evidence for defining strategic direction, governance considerations, and the portfolio's initial scope of managed investments. PMI's portfolio-management standard emphasizes managing components collectively to achieve strategic objectives, making reliable component information a foundational organizational asset. See PMI's Portfolio Management Standard resources and the PMI Lexicon.

QUESTION NO: 3

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The governance role in oversight is abundant during planning in order to agree on multiple roles and responsibilities including those of a portfolio manager. The agreements are recorded in the meeting minutes and included as updates to

A. Portfolio

B. Portfolio Management Plan

C. Portfolio Reports

D. Portfolio Process Assets

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Portfolio Process Assets is correct because governance-planning discussions create reusable management information, including documented decisions about authority, accountability, roles, responsibilities, and oversight arrangements. Meeting minutes provide an auditable record of those agreements and preserve the rationale behind governance decisions. As process assets, they can be retained and used to support portfolio-management work, promote consistent application of governance practices, and inform future planning, reviews, or changes to the portfolio's operating approach.

PMI treats governance as a framework for directing and overseeing portfolio work, including defining decision rights and accountability. Capturing governance agreements formally supports transparency and traceability, which are central to effective portfolio oversight. The portfolio manager and governance bodies can then refer to the documented record when coordinating decisions and ensuring that portfolio activities continue to align with the approved governance approach. PMI's portfolio management resources describe governance and oversight as core portfolio-management concerns; see PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and PMI's portfolio governance framework article.

QUESTION NO: 4

Managing risk is key to the success of any initiative. Risk is considered to be inherent in any activity we do in project management and at any level. You are currently assessing risk against multiple criteria and classifying them as part of developing the risk management plan. Which of the below reflects what you are doing?

A. Quantitative and Qualitative analysis

B. Graphical Analytical methods

C. Categorizing Risks

D. Weighted Ranking and Scoring Techniques

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Weighted Ranking and Scoring Techniques is correct because it provides a structured way to assess risks using several defined criteria and then classify or prioritize them according to their relative significance. In a portfolio context, decision makers commonly need a consistent, repeatable basis for comparing risks that may affect different components, strategic objectives, funding decisions, dependencies, and overall value delivery. A weighted scoring model assigns relative importance to selected criteria—such as probability, impact, urgency, proximity, strategic alignment, or organizational exposure—and combines the assessments into an overall score or rank. The resulting rankings can then be grouped into meaningful classifications, such as high, medium, or low priority, to support governance, escalation, response planning, monitoring, and allocation of management attention. This approach is especially useful when a portfolio contains diverse programs, projects, and operational work, because it makes the evaluation criteria transparent and comparable across components. PMI's portfolio management guidance emphasizes portfolio-level governance and decision making based on organizational strategy, value, and risk. PMI's terminology resources also support the use of defined risk assessment criteria and consistent risk-management language. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 5

One of your component managers came to you to tell you about a risk affecting his component that will badly impact the component and might affect the portfolio. After assessment, the risk turned out to be of low probability with high impact. What do you do as a portfolio manager?

A. Inform him to submit a change request to raise the component contingency because of this risk

B. Inform the component manager to add the risk to the risk register and follow up on it closely

C. Inform the component manager to add the risk to the risk register, assign a senior risk owner to it in order to follow up on it closely

D. Inform him that he does not need to worry, you will have a risk contingency reserve for his risk at a portfolio level

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Inform the component manager to add the risk to the risk register, assign a senior risk owner to it in order to follow up on it closely is correct because the potential impact extends beyond the individual component and may affect portfolio objectives, value delivery, strategic alignment, or the portfolio's overall risk exposure. A low probability does not diminish the need for active management when the potential impact is high. The risk should be formally documented, assessed, assigned to an appropriately empowered owner, and monitored so that escalation and response actions can be initiated promptly if risk triggers occur. Assigning a senior owner is particularly appropriate where coordinated decisions, authority across components, or portfolio-level oversight could be required. Portfolio risk management includes identifying, analyzing, monitoring, and responding to risks that can influence portfolio performance; it also requires visibility of significant component risks that may need escalation to the portfolio level. The risk owner should maintain accountability for monitoring the risk and implementing agreed response or contingency actions. A contingency reserve may support an approved response strategy, but it does not replace risk identification, ownership, monitoring, and governance. See PMI's overview of The Standard for Portfolio Management and PMI's Practice Standard for Project Risk Management.

QUESTION NO: 6 - (SIMULATION)

Assume your consulting company tried portfolio management in the past, but it was not embraced. Instead, people received bonuses if they were able to acquire new work regardless if it fit the company's strategic plan. However, the company was sold, and the new executive team asked you to be the portfolio manager. You explained it did not work in the past, but the new team has pointed A. out while a lot of work was won competitively, much of it was for small dollar amounts, and resources are misallocated. The new approach is to focus on business value, which has as its goal to:

B. As chieve the greatest return on investment to the organizationBb. aximize productivity and increase overall customer satisfaction

C. Deliver the maximum value aligned with strategic objectives

D. Focus on those opportunities that have the greatest likelihood of successful completion

ANSWER: See the explanation for the answer

Explanation:

Correct answer: C. Deliver the maximum value aligned with strategic objectives.

A portfolio management approach prioritizes and authorizes work based on its contribution to organizational strategy and expected business value. It is not limited to winning work, maximizing ROI alone, increasing productivity, or selecting only the easiest work to complete. The portfolio manager seeks the best overall value from the mix of portfolio components while maintaining strategic alignment and appropriate resource allocation.

QUESTION NO: 7

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You are currently in the process of defining a portfolio by forming the qualified list of components that will be later evaluated, selected and prioritized. What do you expect as outputs from this process?

A. Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Roadmap updates, Portfolio updates

B. Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Roadmap updates, Portfolio updates, Portfolio Strategic Plan updates

C. Portfolio Strategic Plan updates, Portfolio Roadmap updates, Portfolio updates

D. Portfolio Strategic Plan update, Portfolio Management Plan updates

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Portfolio Strategic Plan updates, Portfolio Roadmap updates, Portfolio updates is correct because defining the portfolio establishes and maintains the candidate component population that is eligible for later evaluation, selection, prioritization, and authorization. As qualified components are identified and entered into the portfolio's decision-making flow, the portfolio itself must be updated to reflect the current component inventory and its relevant characteristics. The portfolio roadmap may also need updating because the emerging set of candidate components can affect planned sequencing, timing, dependencies, and anticipated delivery horizons. Finally, changes identified while defining the portfolio can require updates to the portfolio strategic plan so that the portfolio's composition and decision criteria remain aligned with organizational strategy, strategic objectives, and changing business conditions. These outputs provide the current strategic and planning baseline needed for subsequent portfolio evaluation and prioritization activities. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategic objectives; portfolio definition is therefore tightly connected to strategic alignment and the ongoing maintenance of portfolio information. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 8

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The sponsor came to you asking for a high level timeline to depict the approach that you will take to execute this portfolio. What tools and techniques is useful in your case?

A. Strategic Alignment Analysis, Prioritization Analysis, Portfolio Component Inventory

B. Gap Analysis, Readiness Assessment, Stakeholder Analysis

C. Scenario Analysis, Capability & Capacity Analysis

D. Prioritization Analysis, Interdependency Analysis, Cost-Benefit Analysis

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Prioritization Analysis, Interdependency Analysis, Cost-Benefit Analysis is correct because a portfolio roadmap is a high-level, time-phased view of how approved portfolio components will be sequenced and coordinated to deliver strategic objectives. Prioritization analysis establishes the relative order in which components should receive attention and resources, based on their strategic contribution and value. Interdependency analysis is essential for turning that priority order into an achievable timeline: it identifies relationships, prerequisites, shared resources, and timing constraints among components.

Cost-benefit analysis supports roadmap decisions by comparing expected value with the investment required, helping portfolio leadership sequence work in a way that maximizes portfolio value within funding and capacity constraints.

Together, these techniques provide the decision basis for a credible executive-level depiction of portfolio execution rather than merely listing components or describing general organizational readiness. The resulting roadmap communicates the planned progression of portfolio work, major decision points, and the intended path toward strategic benefits realization. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives and emphasizes value, alignment, and coordinated decision-making. See PMI's portfolio management standards resources and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 9

While the Governance Board has a variety of significant roles in portfolio management, especially in terms of the recommendations it makes, c they involve:

A. Interdependencies between components

B. Resolution of issues and risks

C. Portfolio balancing and prioritization

D. Resource reallocation

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Resource reallocation is correct because the governance board provides executive-level oversight and decision support for the portfolio's continuing alignment with strategy, value delivery, risk appetite, and organizational capacity. As portfolio conditions change—for example, when strategic priorities shift, a component's expected value changes, or capacity constraints emerge—the board considers recommendations that direct investment and scarce resources toward the most strategically valuable work. This includes endorsing or directing the reallocation of funding, people, facilities, or other constrained resources across portfolio components so that the organization can sustain its intended strategic outcomes. Such recommendations are governance decisions because they affect the overall investment mix and require authority beyond the day-to-day management of an individual program or project. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of one or more portfolios to achieve strategic objectives, which requires ongoing decisions about investments and available organizational resources. The PMI portfolio-management standard also establishes governance as a core portfolio-management domain supporting oversight, decision making, and strategic alignment. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and its overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 10

You are the portfolio manager for a large county that comprises much of a major city in your country. The city also has a portfolio manager, and often you meet to discuss proposed initiatives to see if there are any dependencies. In your county, you established an approach to evaluate portfolio components to make judgments regarding their alignment and priority. In doing so, which of the following was especially helpful:

A. Portfolio strategic plan

B. Portfolio management plan

C. Portfolio roadmap

D. Portfolio charter

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The **Portfolio strategic plan** is especially helpful because it translates the county's organizational strategy into a practical basis for evaluating prospective and existing portfolio components. A portfolio exists to achieve strategic objectives, so decisions about whether an initiative belongs in the portfolio and how highly it should be ranked must be grounded in its expected contribution to those objectives. The strategic plan provides the strategic context, investment themes, objectives, and decision criteria that allow the portfolio manager to assess alignment consistently. It also supports prioritization by clarifying which outcomes, capabilities, public services, or strategic goals warrant the greatest emphasis when resources are constrained. In this scenario, coordination with the city portfolio manager reinforces the need for a common, transparent strategic basis for assessing initiatives and identifying dependencies. PMI describes portfolio management as coordinated management intended to achieve organizational strategy, and its portfolio standard addresses strategic alignment and the processes used to evaluate, select, prioritize, and balance portfolio components. See PMI's The Standard for Portfolio Management and PMI's overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 11

You are managing a complex portfolio with high risk levels due to emerging technological breakthroughs and a short benefit window to market your product. You know that managing risk is key to success and you are coaching your team on the same. You are currently developing the Risk Management Plan. What can you use as inputs to this process?

A. Portfolio Management Plan, Organizational Process Assets, Portfolio Reports, Enterprise Environmental Factors

B. Portfolio Management Plan, Portfolio, Portfolio Reports, Enterprise Environmental Factors

C. Portfolio Management Plan, Organizational Process Assets, Portfolio Process Assets, Enterprise Environmental Factors

D. Portfolio Management Plan, Organizational Process Assets, Portfolio Process Assets, Portfolio

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Portfolio Management Plan, Organizational Process Assets, Portfolio Process Assets, Enterprise Environmental Factors is correct because developing the portfolio risk management plan requires both the established direction for managing the portfolio and the organizational and portfolio-specific information that will shape the risk approach. The portfolio management plan provides the governing framework, including relevant management approaches, roles, decision practices, and alignment expectations. Organizational process assets supply reusable organizational knowledge, such as risk policies, governance procedures, historical information, templates, and lessons learned. Portfolio process assets provide portfolio-specific information and artifacts that help tailor risk-management activities to the portfolio's current structure, priorities, dependencies, and operating context. Enterprise environmental factors also influence the plan because they include conditions outside the portfolio team's direct control, such as market volatility, regulatory requirements, organizational culture, technology conditions, and risk tolerance. Together, these inputs enable the team to define an appropriate risk-management methodology, responsibilities, reporting approach, thresholds, and escalation paths for a high-risk portfolio. PMI's portfolio-management standard describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve strategic objectives, which requires risk practices to be tailored to the portfolio context. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 12

Portfolio balancing can be done in several different dimensions based on organizational preferences. When your software development company, which is CMMI Level 5 certified, began to focus on portfolio management four years ago, you started with a simplified ranking approach and now moved into using an automated, sophisticated weighted scoring software tool throughout the organization. In terms of portfolio balancing, it is appropriate to:

A. Balance the portfolio across the organization

B. Balance the portfolio according to categories

C. Balance the portfolio by business unit

D. Balance the portfolio in terms of expected value of benefits

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Balance the portfolio according to categories is correct because portfolio balancing evaluates the mix of selected portfolio components against organizational strategy using meaningful comparison dimensions, or categories. Categories enable decision makers to view the aggregate portfolio in ways that reflect the organization's strategic priorities—for example, strategic objective, investment type, risk level, technology area, time horizon, market, or resource demand. This lets the portfolio governance body assess whether the overall mix is appropriately diversified and whether investment allocations support the intended strategic outcomes. A weighted scoring tool can provide consistent component-level evaluation and prioritization data, but balancing remains an executive portfolio decision about the composition of the whole portfolio across the categories the organization has defined. As organizational priorities and external conditions evolve, the category mix can be reviewed and adjusted through ongoing portfolio monitoring and governance. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategy, including selecting and managing the right mix of investments. See PMI's Portfolio Management overview and The Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 13

You are currently creating portfolio scenarios (what-if analysis) by reviewing components against prioritization criteria and using analysis techniques (e.g., options analysis, risk analysis, SWOT analysis, financial analysis). You are doing this in order to

A. Understand the strategic priorities

B. Create a basis for decision making

C. Evaluate and select viable options

D. Provide a guiding framework to operationalize the organizational strategic goals and objectives

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Evaluate and select viable options is correct because portfolio scenario development applies what-if analysis to compare possible mixes of portfolio components before commitment decisions are made. Reviewing components against approved prioritization criteria and applying financial, risk, SWOT, and options analysis gives portfolio decision makers an evidence-based view of each scenario's expected value, risk exposure, strategic contribution, resource demands, dependencies, and constraints. The resulting comparisons identify which combinations are feasible and which alternatives provide the most advantageous balance for achieving strategic objectives. This is therefore an evaluation and selection activity: the portfolio manager develops and analyzes alternative scenarios so governance stakeholders can choose the viable portfolio option or set of components to authorize, continue, defer, terminate, or reprioritize. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives, which requires selecting and managing work in alignment with organizational strategy. Portfolio scenario analysis provides the analytical foundation for those component investment choices rather than merely documenting strategy or defining the enterprise's overall strategic framework. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and its The Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 14

The Portfolio Management Plan is an important document that is referenced throughout the portfolio life cycle. Which of the following is correct regarding the Portfolio Management Plan purpose and focus?

A. Identifies recipients for information associated with the portfolio management process

B. Articulates the options, preferences, and factors that will be considered in a specific portfolio

C. Describes the approach and intent of management in identifying, approving, procuring, prioritizing, balancing, managing, and reporting a portfolio

D. Shows how and when the portfolio resources will be planned, balanced, and allocated to the portfolio components

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

The Portfolio Management Plan's purpose is to document how the portfolio will be managed across its life cycle and to establish the management intent for the portfolio. Accordingly, the correct description is: "Describes the approach and intent of management in identifying, approving, procuring, prioritizing, balancing, managing, and reporting a portfolio." This plan provides the overarching framework through which portfolio management processes are performed consistently. It addresses the decisions and activities needed to select and authorize portfolio components, prioritize investments according to strategic objectives, balance the portfolio against constraints and desired value, allocate or manage resources, and communicate portfolio performance and status. Because portfolio management is focused on achieving organizational strategy rather than merely administering independent projects, the plan must connect governance and management practices to the continuing evaluation and optimization of the portfolio as conditions change. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of one or more portfolios to achieve strategic objectives, and its portfolio standards identify governance, strategic management, value management, and related management activities as integral to this discipline. The plan therefore functions as a durable reference for the portfolio's management approach, not simply as a schedule or a stakeholder-distribution list. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 15

Assume your food additive company performed a capacity analysis and found some resources had not maintained their skill sets and basically were not as productive as others in the company. Rather than have a massive reorganization, instead the executives decided to eliminate the jobs of these staff members, many of whom had been in the company for more than 20 years. Morale among the existing staff is low as people fear there will be more layoffs. Plus the government issued a new regulation that requires an additional Food and Drug Administration quality check before a new additive can be submitted for regulatory approval. One member of the executive team wants to acquire another company to enhance market share, and the existing plants in the Asia Pacific region require infrastructure upgrades. Given resource shortages, only one component can be selected to be added to the portfolio. The Board should select:

A. Component A—to enhance employee morale

B. Component B—to add staff to work with the FDA trained in quality management

C. Component C—to acquire the competitor to increase market share

D. Component D—to upgrade the AP's plant infrastructure

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Component B—to add staff to work with the FDA trained in quality management is the appropriate selection because it addresses a newly imposed regulatory requirement that directly affects the organization's ability to submit new food additives for approval. Portfolio governance prioritizes components not only by expected strategic value, but also by legal, regulatory, and compliance obligations. A requirement that must be met before products can proceed through regulatory approval creates an immediate business-enablement need: without adequate qualified capacity for the additional quality check, the company's product pipeline may be delayed or unable to advance.

Adding personnel with FDA and quality-management expertise provides the capability needed to perform the required work reliably and to manage the compliance risk created by the new rule. It also reflects sound portfolio resource-management practice: the capacity analysis has identified a workforce capability concern, and the selected component specifically supplies the scarce skills necessary for a mandatory process. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of components to achieve strategic objectives while making informed investment and resource decisions. FDA information on the food-additive petition process further illustrates the importance of supporting regulatory submissions with appropriate scientific and quality information. See PMI's Portfolio Management Standard overview and FDA Food Additive Petitions.

QUESTION NO: 16

You are managing a portfolio for your company and are trying to balance the tasks that will be done internally based on the availability and the ones that will be outsourced. Managing supply and demand is a recurring activity in the portfolio life cycle and results in changes in resource utilization and resource efficiency. What you use to perform this?

A. Elicitation techniques, Value Scoring & Measurement Analysis, Benefits Realization Analysis

B. Elicitation techniques, Communication Requirements Analysis, Stakeholder analysis

C. Elicitation techniques, Capability & Capacity Analysis, PMIS

D. Scenario Analysis, Capability & Capacity Analysis, Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Scenario Analysis, Capability & Capacity Analysis, Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis is correct because portfolio supply-and-demand management requires decision-making techniques that evaluate both available resource capacity and the organization's ability to perform the required work. Capability and capacity analysis establishes whether internal resources have the necessary skills, competencies, availability, and throughput to support portfolio components. It therefore provides the factual basis for determining which work can be retained internally and which may need external sourcing.

Scenario analysis allows the portfolio manager to compare feasible staffing, sourcing, prioritization, and timing alternatives before committing resources. For example, scenarios can model delayed initiatives, contractor engagement, reassignment of scarce specialists, or changes in demand. Quantitative and qualitative analysis then supports a balanced evaluation: quantitative measures can include utilization, costs, demand forecasts, and available capacity, while qualitative considerations include strategic fit, risk, supplier capability, and organizational impacts. Together, these techniques support recurring portfolio-level resource optimization as demand and supply change over time. PMI identifies portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives and emphasizes continual evaluation and optimization. See PMI's Portfolio Management Standard resources and PMI's PfMP certification overview.

QUESTION NO: 17

A portfolio manager needs to continuously balance the need and requirements with the available resources and needs to maintain a balanced portfolio and portfolio resources in order to optimize delivery. Capability and Capacity analysis is performed in 4 of the portfolio management processes and it serves a slightly different purpose in each and every one of them. When it relates to developing the performance management plan, what is the purpose of using this analysis?

A. Performed to understand the human, financial, and asset capacity and capability of the organization in order to select, fund, and execute portfolio components

B. To study the capability of resources, match them against the portfolio's objectives and goals, and translate the capability into what capacity is possible to meet the portfolio demands

C. To understand how much work is able to be performed based on the resources available (capacity), as well as the ability of the organization to source and execute the selected portfolio

D. It enables the organization to achieve maximum portfolio benefits given current resource constraints

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

"To understand how much work is able to be performed based on the resources available (capacity), as well as the ability of the organization to source and execute the selected portfolio" is correct because a portfolio performance management plan needs a realistic basis for measuring and managing delivery performance. Capacity identifies the volume of portfolio work that available people, funding, assets, and supporting services can sustain. Capability addresses whether the organization possesses, or can obtain, the competencies and operational ability needed to deliver the selected components. Together, these findings establish practical performance expectations, such as achievable delivery levels, resource-related thresholds, forecast assumptions, and the need for corrective action when demand exceeds what the portfolio can execute. The analysis therefore supports performance monitoring by connecting planned portfolio outcomes to the organization's actual ability to perform the work, rather than treating approved work as automatically deliverable. This aligns with PMI's portfolio-management focus on actively managing components and resources to achieve strategic objectives and maximize value. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategy; performance planning must consequently account for execution feasibility and resource constraints. See PMI's portfolio management standards overview and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 18

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You are currently creating portfolio scenarios (what-if analysis) by reviewing components against prioritization criteria and using analysis techniques (e.g., options analysis, risk analysis, SWOT analysis, financial analysis). You are doing this in order to

A. Understand the strategic priorities
B. Create a basis for decision making

B. Evaluate and select viable options

C. Provide a guiding framework to operationalize the organizational strategic goals and objectives

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Evaluate and select viable options is correct because portfolio scenario development is a decision-support activity. The portfolio team creates and compares alternative portfolio compositions by assessing candidate components against agreed prioritization criteria, strategic fit, value, risk exposure, resource capacity, constraints, and financial considerations. Applying techniques such as options, risk, SWOT, and financial analysis enables the organization to understand the likely implications and trade-offs of each potential scenario. The resulting analysis identifies scenarios that are feasible, aligned with strategy, and capable of delivering the greatest overall portfolio value within available constraints. Decision makers can then use this evidence to select the preferred portfolio mix, authorize the appropriate components, and make informed adjustments as assumptions, risks, or strategic priorities change. This is consistent with PMI's view of portfolio management as the centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives and optimize organizational value. PMI also emphasizes that portfolio governance supports investment decision making, including the selection and prioritization of work based on strategic alignment and value. See PMI's overview of project, program, and portfolio management and its Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP) certification page.

QUESTION NO: 19

When initiating portfolio components and terminating other, you come up with updates to budget, funding and resources allocations. Where should these updates be recorded?

A. Portfolio Process Assets updates

B. Portfolio Management Plan updates

C. Portfolio Reports

D. Portfolio Updates

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Portfolio Updates is correct because initiating, authorizing, suspending, or terminating portfolio components can change the portfolio's approved composition and its allocation of budget, funding, and shared resources. Those decisions must be captured as current portfolio-level changes so that the portfolio reflects what is now being funded, what capacity is committed, and which components remain active. Portfolio updates provide the formal record of these component and allocation changes and support subsequent governance, balancing, capacity management, and performance reporting activities. In practical terms, the update makes the decision actionable across the portfolio: funding can be reassigned, resource commitments can be adjusted, and the authorized component mix remains aligned with strategic objectives. This is consistent with PMI's portfolio-management discipline, which treats the portfolio as a centrally managed collection of components whose composition and resource allocation are continually reviewed to achieve organizational strategy. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives; component authorization and associated allocation changes therefore belong in the maintained portfolio information. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and related disciplines and PMI's The Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 20

As part of the strategic alignment, you Evaluate organizational strategic goals and objectives using document reviews, interviewing, and other information gathering techniques in order to

A. Understand the strategic priorities

B. Create a basis for decision making

C. Provide a guiding framework to operationalize the organizational strategic goals and objectives

D. Create portfolio scenarios

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Understand the strategic priorities is correct because evaluating organizational goals and objectives is the foundational strategic-alignment activity for a portfolio manager. Through document reviews, interviews, and other information-gathering techniques, the portfolio manager establishes what the organization is trying to accomplish, the relative importance of its objectives, and the strategic themes against which portfolio components should be assessed. This understanding enables the portfolio to remain aligned with the organization's intended direction as strategy, market conditions, and organizational priorities evolve.

The PMI PfMP Examination Content Outline identifies strategic alignment as a portfolio-management domain and describes evaluating organizational strategic goals and objectives using these techniques specifically to understand strategic priorities. This activity provides the strategic context needed for subsequent portfolio decisions, including evaluating components, balancing the portfolio, and monitoring continuing alignment. PMI also describes portfolio management as coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategies and objectives, reinforcing that a clear understanding of priorities is essential before portfolio work can be aligned to strategy. See the PMI PfMP Examination Content Outline and PMI's portfolio management overview.

QUESTION NO: 21

Portfolios include a lot of work and as a portfolio manager you need to keep an eye on the value realization while maintaining the strategic alignment. You are currently aggregating value delivered by the portfolio components. Which of the following methods are helpful to you?

A. Elicitation techniques, Capability & Capacity Analysis, PMIS

B. Scenario Analysis, Capability & Capacity Analysis, Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis

C. Elicitation techniques, Communication Requirements Analysis, Stakeholder analysis

D. Elicitation techniques, Value Scoring & Measurement Analysis, Benefits Realization Analysis

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Elicitation techniques, Value Scoring & Measurement Analysis, Benefits Realization Analysis is correct because it directly supports the portfolio manager's responsibility to evaluate and aggregate the value produced across portfolio components. Elicitation techniques obtain relevant information from component leaders, sponsors, customers, and other stakeholders about expected and realized benefits. Value scoring and measurement analysis provides a consistent way to assess diverse component outcomes against portfolio value criteria, enabling the manager to combine information that may include financial returns, strategic contribution, customer impact, risk reduction, or capability improvement. Benefits realization analysis then compares actual or forecast benefits with the benefits expected in approved business cases and the portfolio's strategic objectives.

Together, these methods create an evidence-based view of whether the portfolio is delivering its intended value, rather than merely reporting activity, schedule progress, or resource consumption. This aggregated view enables continued strategic alignment decisions, including monitoring performance and assessing whether the portfolio's mix of components continues to support organizational goals. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives and emphasizes value delivery as a central organizational focus. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and its overview of project, program, and portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 22

Manage supply and demand comes down to balancing the requirements with what is available. Resource requirements are a major input to the manage supply and demand process. Which of the following inputs to this process contains resource requirements?

A. Portfolio Process Assets (PPAs)

B. Portfolio

C. Portfolio Management plan

D. Portfolio Charter

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Portfolio is correct because it is the consolidated collection of components being managed to achieve the organization's strategic objectives, and it therefore provides the demand-side information needed for supply-and-demand management. The portfolio's component information includes the resource requirements associated with the programs, projects, and other work that have been selected, authorized, or are under consideration. Portfolio management uses this aggregated view to understand the overall need for people, funding, facilities, technology, and other constrained organizational capabilities across components.

In the Manage Supply and Demand process, portfolio managers compare the resource demand represented by the portfolio against the organization's available resource supply. This comparison supports decisions such as sequencing work, balancing priorities, reallocating capacity, deferring components, or recommending changes so that strategic objectives can be pursued within realistic constraints. The portfolio is therefore the key input that expresses what resources the portfolio components require, enabling portfolio-level balancing rather than isolated component-level decisions. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives; its standards address governance, optimization, and the alignment of portfolio components with organizational capacity. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 23

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One of the junior portfolio managers learned that she needs to use the roadmap as an input to the portfolio management plan development. She does not understand why, and she came to you for advice. What is your advice to her?

A. Roadmap contains the portfolio structure which is used to structure the components for management through the portfolio management plan

B. Roadmap is not an input to this process

C. Roadmap provides the prioritization model to the portfolio management plan

D. High-level timelines in roadmap are used to define low-level schedule and timelines for portfolio components

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Roadmap contains the portfolio structure which is used to structure the components for management through the portfolio management plan. A portfolio roadmap provides a consolidated, high-level view of the portfolio: its component groupings, strategic relationships, key milestones, dependencies, and intended progression toward strategic objectives. That information is necessary when developing the portfolio management plan because the plan establishes the approach, governance, processes, roles, reporting, and controls that will be used to manage the portfolio and its components. The portfolio's structure shown in the roadmap helps the portfolio manager tailor those management arrangements to the actual composition and organization of the portfolio. For example, component groupings and relationships can inform how oversight, performance reporting, governance reviews, and resource coordination are organized within the plan. The roadmap is therefore an important source of context for defining how the portfolio will be managed at the portfolio level, while retaining the appropriate distinction between portfolio governance and detailed component-level planning. PMI's portfolio management standard describes portfolio management as coordinating components to achieve strategic objectives, supported by defined portfolio governance and management processes. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and PMI's overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 24

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Communication is one of the largest activities that the portfolio manager does along the portfolio lifecycle. As an experienced portfolio manager, you know that communication and information needs vary between portfolios, programs and projects. How do you define the difference in those three levels of Project Management?

A. Communications at a portfolio level are more diversified than at program and project levels.

B. Communications at a Project level are more diversified than at portfolio and program levels

C. Criticality of the communication with relation to the organization is highest at a project level as the business value is acquired at this level

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Communications at a portfolio level are more diversified than at program and project levels. A portfolio brings together components that may be unrelated operationally but are collectively managed to achieve strategic objectives. Consequently, the portfolio manager must communicate with a particularly broad and varied stakeholder community, such as executive leaders, governance bodies, sponsors, business-unit leaders, finance functions, component managers, and external stakeholders where applicable. Information also spans diverse subjects: strategic alignment, investment performance, resource capacity, risk exposure, benefits realization, priorities, balancing decisions, and changes in organizational strategy.

Portfolio communication therefore emphasizes an integrated, enterprise-wide view that supports governance and strategic decision-making. Its content is diversified because it must consolidate and translate information from multiple programs, projects, and other portfolio components into meaningful information for stakeholders with different authority, interests, and information needs. PMI describes portfolio management as coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategies and objectives, which requires this strategic, cross-component communication perspective. See PMI's portfolio management overview and the Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 25

Over the years, your organization has grown significantly as it has entered new markets while maintaining its presence in its traditional product line of security systems. The company now has eight different business units rather than three, which was the case only two years ago, and it set up funding originally such that it was only allocated to one business unit and could not be transferred to others. At the recently held Portfolio Oversight Committee meeting, five business units did not add components, but some were completed. The other three added a number of programs and projects, which were authorized. Now funding for these new components is an issue. This means:

A. Another Committee meeting is required to focus on the funding problem

B. The sponsors of the newly authorized components need to work with their business units to determine how funds will be allocated

C. The three business units need to evaluate their portfolios and recommend termination of some components to the Committee

D. Changes are required as to how funds are allocated

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Changes are required as to how funds are allocated. The organization's funding model was designed when its structure, product scope, and portfolio demand were materially different. It now has more business units, while the mix of component activity is uneven: capacity has been released in some units through completed components, whereas newly authorized programs and projects require investment in others. A funding approach that permanently restricts money to a single business unit prevents the portfolio from responding to changing strategic priorities and from directing available investment capacity to the highest-value authorized work.

Portfolio governance should establish decision rights and mechanisms to allocate, rebalance, and optimize investment across the portfolio in support of organizational strategy. In this situation, the issue is therefore systemic rather than limited to an individual sponsor or component. The Portfolio Oversight Committee should ensure that the funding-allocation approach is revised so resources can be considered at the appropriate portfolio and enterprise level, subject to governance controls, strategic alignment, and ongoing performance review. This enables the organization to maintain an optimized portfolio as market expansion and business-unit demand evolve. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives; its standard addresses governance and value-oriented portfolio decision-making. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and PMI's discussion of portfolio management and strategic objectives.

QUESTION NO: 26

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You are managing a large construction portfolio. Recently, and due to budget cuts, you have been having resources issues on multiple initiatives and has been struggling with maintaining a healthy resource allocations. You are currently analyzing the capability and capacity for scarce machinery resources shared across three major programs in the portfolio. What are you currently applying?

A. Finite Capacity planning

B. Resource Schedules

C. Resource Management Tools

D. Resource Smoothing

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Finite Capacity planning is being applied because the scenario starts with a fixed, scarce supply of machinery and evaluates both its capability and available capacity across several programs. Finite-capacity planning schedules and prioritizes work based on the actual amount of constrained resources available; it does not assume that additional machinery can be supplied whenever demand exceeds availability. At the portfolio level, this analysis helps decision makers see where competing initiatives require the same limited equipment, assess feasible timing and allocations, and make informed trade-offs among portfolio components. This is especially relevant following budget reductions, when acquiring additional capacity may not be viable and the portfolio must be balanced against real resource constraints. PMI portfolio management emphasizes optimizing the portfolio to support strategic objectives while considering resource capacity, constraints, and the interdependencies among components. The portfolio manager can use this capacity view to sequence, defer, or reprioritize work so that approved programs remain achievable with the machinery on hand. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and its Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 27

For years, your aerospace company has been a leader in the development of sophisticated avionic hardware systems around the world. The executives want to continue with this well-recognized product line, but also they decided it is time to move into state-of-the art software to complement the hardware products. You have been asked to assess whether there are skill set limitations in the company to assess resource capacity internally. To do so, you decide to:

A. Focus on needed competencies and develop competency profiles for the internal staff

B. Interview staff members based on performance evaluations to determine their interest in the new product line

C. Work with Human Resources and review the education backgrounds of internal staff and see if people have taken recent training

D. Set up a contingency plan by asking the Procurement Department to issue a Request for Information to external consulting firms

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Focus on needed competencies and develop competency profiles for the internal staff is correct because it provides a structured, portfolio-level method for determining whether available internal resources can support the strategic move into software products. The organization must first identify the software-related capabilities required by the intended portfolio direction, such as software architecture, embedded development, cybersecurity, verification and validation, configuration management, and relevant domain knowledge. Competency profiles then establish a consistent baseline for comparing those required capabilities with the current workforce's demonstrated skills, proficiency levels, and capacity. This produces an objective view of skill gaps and resource constraints that portfolio decision makers can use in prioritization, investment planning, workforce development, and sourcing decisions. It also recognizes that resource capacity is more than headcount: resources must possess the right competencies to execute the selected portfolio components and realize strategic objectives. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve organizational strategy, which requires aligning resource capabilities with strategic work. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and its lexicon of portfolio-management terms.

QUESTION NO: 28

Assume your airline just merged with a competitor, making it the largest in the country. Your company has a defined portfolio management process in place, which is considered effective by your executives. The other airline uses a more informal approach. Executives from both airlines now have different philosophies concerning new work to be pursued to be the leading airline in the country. In terms of the Authorize Portfolio process, this means:

A. The complete portfolio process will require changes

B. The portfolio requirements should be evaluated

C. The portfolio management information systems will require consolidation

D. An outsider should be hired as the portfolio manager for objectivity

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

The portfolio requirements should be evaluated is correct because the merger has materially changed the organization's decision-making context. The combined executive group has differing views about which new work is needed to achieve market leadership, so portfolio requirements—including stakeholder expectations, strategic priorities, investment objectives, constraints, and decision criteria—must be reassessed before the portfolio can be authorized with confidence. This evaluation creates a common basis for determining which proposed components support the newly combined organization's strategy and which investments should receive organizational commitment.

In PMI portfolio management practice, portfolio authorization is not merely an administrative approval of a pre-existing set of work. It depends on evaluating the portfolio against current strategic direction, organizational objectives, and stakeholder needs. A merger commonly changes all of these inputs: the enterprise may have new capabilities, overlapping services, changed financial capacity, revised risk tolerance, and a different competitive strategy. Evaluating requirements first enables executives to establish an agreed strategic framework for selecting, prioritizing, and authorizing the portfolio. The existing formal process may remain useful, but its authorization decisions must reflect the requirements of the new enterprise. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and its overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 29

Risks are very important to manage in portfolio management and organizations can choose to embrace risks with the potential of high rewards. As a portfolio manager, planning and managing risks is important. Risks are categorized in order to ease the process. Which of the following are considered as risk categories that a portfolio manager can use?

A. All of the options

B. Performance Risk, Regulatory Risk

C. Portfolio Component Risk, Market Risk

D. Organizational Risk, Image and Public Relation Risk

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

All of the options is correct because portfolio risk management uses a structured risk categorization scheme, often called a risk breakdown structure or risk taxonomy, to ensure risks are identified consistently across the portfolio. The listed groupings cover recognized sources and effects of portfolio uncertainty: risks arising from portfolio components and their delivery performance; external market and regulatory conditions; organizational capability and strategic context; and reputational consequences, including image and public-relations impacts. Categorizing risks this way helps the portfolio manager aggregate risk exposure, recognize common causes or trends across components, assign appropriate ownership, and support portfolio-level decisions on balancing risk against expected value and strategic objectives. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve organizational strategy and value; this necessarily includes considering the uncertainties that may affect components, strategic objectives, and expected benefits. A tailored taxonomy is preferable in practice, but all the categories named in the answer choices are valid categories a portfolio manager may use. See PMI's overview of The Standard for Portfolio Management and its guidance on portfolio risk management.

QUESTION NO: 30

One of the major resources on your portfolio is needed by two of the components at the same time. This resource has high technical knowledge and is aware of all the business needs. Which of the following tools and techniques can you use in order to solve this issue?

A. Sequencing Techniques

B. Capability and Capacity Analysis

C. Scenario Analysis

D. Interdependency Analysis

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Sequencing Techniques is correct because the immediate portfolio-level issue is a scheduling conflict: two components require the same scarce, highly specialized resource at the same time. Portfolio managers use sequencing to determine the appropriate order and timing of component work, taking account of resource availability, strategic priorities, dependencies, and the effect of delaying or advancing work. By changing when one component performs the resource-dependent activity, the portfolio can preserve access to the critical expertise while reducing conflicts and maintaining alignment with portfolio objectives. This is a portfolio management decision rather than merely an operational staffing decision, since it considers the coordinated delivery of benefits and value across components. The resource's broad technical and business knowledge makes effective sequencing particularly important: the portfolio can schedule the resource's involvement at the points of greatest value or risk, rather than attempting to support both demands simultaneously. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve organizational objectives, including balancing and optimizing the portfolio as conditions and constraints change. See PMI's portfolio management standards resources and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 31

A portfolio is meeting its financial-return target, but nearly all approved components are concentrated in one market segment. The organization has a strategic objective to diversify its future sources of value. Which portfolio analysis is most useful in this situation?

A. Graphical analytical methods

B. Organizational structure analysis

C. Elicitation techniques

D. Configuration management

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Graphical analytical methods is correct because these methods can provide a visual view of portfolio balance across multiple dimensions, such as market segment, strategic objective, risk, return, timing, and investment size. A portfolio may appear successful when viewed only through aggregate financial return, while still having an undesirable concentration of investment that exposes the organization to strategic or market risk.

Portfolio maps and similar graphical techniques help decision makers identify concentration, gaps, and imbalances in the component mix. The results can inform decisions to add, defer, change, or terminate components in support of the diversification objective. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management.

QUESTION NO: 32

Your company got recently acquired by another company and the strategic directions which your portfolio is based on have been changed. Which document do you, as a portfolio manager, update to reflect the change to the timeline?

A. Communication Management Plan

B. Portfolio Management Plan

C. Portfolio Strategic Plan

D. Portfolio Roadmap

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Portfolio Roadmap is the correct document because it presents the portfolio's strategic path over time. A portfolio roadmap communicates the planned timing, sequencing, major milestones, dependencies, and expected delivery horizon of portfolio components and strategic initiatives. Following an acquisition, the organization may alter its strategic objectives, investment priorities, expected benefits, or the order in which initiatives should be pursued. The portfolio manager therefore uses the roadmap to reflect how the revised direction changes the timeline—for example, by rescheduling, adding, removing, or resequencing portfolio components and key decision points. This makes the effect of the strategic change visible to portfolio governance bodies, executives, component managers, and other stakeholders, supporting continued alignment between authorized investments and the acquiring organization's strategy. PMI describes portfolio management as the centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives; maintaining an integrated, time-based view of strategic work is essential to that purpose. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and its portfolio management standards.

QUESTION NO: 33

In preparing your communications matrix, you identified five communication areas. One is portfolio governance decisions. A communication vehicle for these decisions is:

A. E-mails

B. Scorecards

C. Internal portal

D. PMO repository

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Internal portal is the appropriate communication vehicle for portfolio governance decisions because it provides a controlled, accessible, and durable channel for publishing decisions made through the portfolio governance process. Governance decisions may include investment approvals, prioritization outcomes, authorization changes, strategic direction, and decisions affecting portfolio components. Stakeholders need a reliable place to find the current decision, supporting context, applicable policies, and related portfolio information.

A portal supports the portfolio manager's need to communicate consistently across a broad stakeholder community while preserving a common source of record. It can also be structured to manage access according to stakeholder roles and to retain decision history, which helps ensure transparency, traceability, and alignment with organizational governance practices. In a communications matrix, this makes an internal portal particularly suitable for formal governance information that must remain available beyond a one-time notification.

This approach is consistent with PMI's emphasis on governance as a framework for decision making, oversight, and alignment of portfolio work with organizational strategy. See PMI's The Standard for Portfolio Management and its portfolio communications guidance.

QUESTION NO: 34

The portfolio is undergoing and your are now in the monitoring and controlling phase. Two of your team members are arguing about what to use in order to determine decisions to be made with regards to the portfolio and its components. What should be your advice to them?

A. They should use the elicitation techniques to get as much data as possible on the progress in order to be able to take decisions

B. They should conduct review meetings on formal and scheduled basis

C. They should conduct review meetings on scheduled and informal basis

D. They should conduct review meetings on need basis

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

They should conduct review meetings on formal and scheduled basis. Portfolio monitoring and controlling relies on a defined governance cadence to assess portfolio performance, continuing strategic alignment, component status, risks, dependencies, resource use, and the achievement of portfolio objectives. Formal, scheduled review meetings provide the repeatable decision-making forum in which reliable performance information is examined against approved portfolio plans, thresholds, and strategic goals. This enables portfolio governance participants to make timely, documented decisions about matters such as prioritization, rebalancing, component continuation, escalation, corrective action, and resource allocation. A scheduled process also makes reporting and decision rights clear across all portfolio components, rather than allowing critical governance decisions to depend on ad hoc interactions. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategy, which requires ongoing review of portfolio performance and alignment. Formal governance reviews are therefore an essential control mechanism for determining decisions during this phase. See PMI's Portfolio Management standards resources and its overview of project, program, and portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 35

As the portfolio manager you have worked to consider the complexities involved of the interdependencies in your programs, projects, and ongoing work. As your portfolio process has been implemented for three years, a key challenge is that senior executives tend to change priorities often even though programs and projects are being implemented. Often these programs and projects are cross-functional, and the result is your process is not coordinated. You recognize there is a need to change, and you met with the Chair of the Portfolio Review Board and have her support for a transparent approach for portfolio standards and prioritization. You should:

A. Revise the balancing process

B. Revise the portfolio management plan

C. Revise the scoring model

D. Set up a standard method to communicate change

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Revise the portfolio management plan is correct because the situation identifies a systemic weakness in how the portfolio is governed and managed, rather than an isolated issue with a single prioritization tool or communication activity. The portfolio management plan establishes the integrated approach for managing the portfolio, including governance roles, decision authorities, management processes, performance oversight, stakeholder engagement, and the mechanisms used to evaluate, prioritize, authorize, and adjust portfolio components. When executive priorities change frequently and cross-functional work is not coordinated, the plan should be updated to create an agreed, transparent operating framework for applying portfolio standards and making prioritization decisions.

Support from the Portfolio Review Board chair is particularly important because portfolio governance requires active executive sponsorship and defined decision-making accountability. Revising the plan enables the portfolio manager to formalize how strategic changes are assessed, how priorities are communicated and approved, and how component interdependencies are considered before decisions are implemented. This creates a consistent, repeatable process that aligns portfolio decisions with organizational strategy while retaining the flexibility needed to respond to strategic change. PMI describes portfolio management as centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives and emphasizes governance and alignment as core elements. See PMI's Portfolio Management Standard resources and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 36

You are in the process of planning the portfolio for a major client and wanted to put an extra effort on planning for managing the performance as the portfolio has a lot of technical aspects and correct performance management is key to success. What tools and techniques can you use for this purpose?

A. Elicitation techniques, Value Scoring & Measurement Analysis, Benefits Realization Analysis

B. Elicitation techniques, Capability & Capacity Analysis, PMIS

C. Scenario Analysis, Capability & Capacity Analysis, Quantitative & Qualitative

D. Elicitation techniques, Communication Requirements Analysis, Stakeholder analysis

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Elicitation techniques, Capability & Capacity Analysis, PMIS is correct because these tools support the development of a practical portfolio performance-management approach. Elicitation techniques obtain relevant expectations, measures, thresholds, reporting needs, and performance information from portfolio stakeholders and delivery teams. This ensures that performance monitoring reflects both strategic objectives and the realities of the technical work being governed.

Capability and capacity analysis establishes whether the organization has the skills, technologies, resources, and available throughput needed to deliver the portfolio and achieve planned performance. It is particularly important for a technically complex portfolio because performance cannot be evaluated meaningfully without understanding the organization's ability to execute current and planned work.

A portfolio management information system provides the integrated means to collect, consolidate, analyze, and communicate portfolio performance data. It supports consistent dashboards, reporting, trend analysis, and decision-making across portfolio components. Together, these techniques enable the portfolio manager to define how performance information will be gathered and used to maintain alignment with strategy. PMI's portfolio-management standard describes portfolio governance and performance practices: PMI Standard for Portfolio Management. PMI also defines portfolio management as coordinated management to achieve strategic objectives: What Is Project Management?

QUESTION NO: 37

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Aligning the portfolio with the strategic objectives starts by developing the Portfolio Strategic Plan. You are currently developing this plan and are looking for a document that provides you long-term direction. What are you looking for in this case?

A. Portfolio Strategic Plan

B. Inventory of Work

C. Portfolio Process Assets (PPAs)

D. Organizational strategy and objectives

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Organizational strategy and objectives is correct because it establishes the enterprise's intended long-term direction, including its mission, vision, strategic priorities, desired outcomes, and measurable objectives. Portfolio management exists to translate that direction into investment decisions: selecting, prioritizing, balancing, authorizing, and monitoring the programs, projects, and other work that collectively deliver strategic value. Therefore, while developing a Portfolio Strategic Plan, the portfolio manager needs the organization's strategy and objectives as the foundational source for alignment criteria, strategic themes, target benefits, and portfolio performance measures.

PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategy and objectives. The Portfolio Strategic Plan consequently expresses how the portfolio will support those objectives; it does not replace the strategic direction supplied by the organization. Using the organizational strategy ensures that portfolio components are evaluated according to their expected contribution to enterprise goals and that the resulting portfolio remains responsive when those goals change. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and strategy implementation and its Standard for Portfolio Management resources.

QUESTION NO: 38

During one of the management meetings, an opportunity was identified. This opportunity has a huge impact on the portfolio. What is your first action as a portfolio manager?

A. Document it in the benefits register

B. Update the portfolio management plan

C. Document it in the risk register

D. Update the portfolio roadmap

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Document it in the risk register is correct because an opportunity is an uncertain event or condition that could have a positive effect on portfolio objectives. Portfolio risk management addresses both threats and opportunities that may affect the portfolio's strategic alignment, value delivery, aggregate risk exposure, funding, resources, or component performance. The first action is to formally capture the opportunity in the portfolio risk register with sufficient initial information—such as its source, potential impact, likelihood, affected strategic objectives, owner, and proposed response—for it to be assessed, prioritized, and monitored through the portfolio governance process. Recording it creates the traceability and visibility needed for informed decision-making by the portfolio manager and governance body. Because the opportunity is described as having a huge portfolio impact, prompt registration also supports timely analysis of whether it should lead to a response, escalation, changes to portfolio composition, or later updates to planning artifacts. PMI recognizes risks as uncertain events or conditions with either positive or negative effects and emphasizes managing them systematically. See PMI's guidance on risk management and opportunities and the PMI Standard for Risk Management in Portfolios, Programs, and Projects.

QUESTION NO: 39

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You are currently in the process of allocating resources to develop component proposals, authorizing components to expend resources and to communicate portfolio decisions. What do you expect as outputs of this process?

A. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update

B. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update, Portfolio Process Assets update

C. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Portfolio Process Assets update

D. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Strategic Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update, Portfolio Process Assets update

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The described work is the portfolio authorization process. Its purpose is to make and communicate portfolio-level authorization decisions, including allocating resources for component proposals and permitting approved components to use resources. Those decisions can change the composition, funding, priorities, schedules, or resource assignments of the portfolio, so **Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update** are the expected outputs. Portfolio updates record the approved authorization decisions and their effects on portfolio components. Updates to the portfolio management plan ensure that the governing approach, such as resource-management and decision-management arrangements, remains current. Portfolio reports communicate authorization status, decisions, and relevant portfolio information to stakeholders. Organizational process assets are updated to preserve reusable information, such as decision records, authorization documentation, templates, and lessons learned, for use in future portfolio work. This output set supports traceable governance and consistent decision communication across the portfolio. PMI identifies portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve strategic objectives; authorization decisions are a key mechanism for maintaining that alignment. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and its overview of portfolio management implementation.

QUESTION NO: 40

You have been newly appointed as a portfolio manager and found out that your predecessor did not develop a Portfolio Risk Management plan as he thought that it is not necessary in the case where he has a risk register. One of your first activities was to develop the missing plan. To do this, you needed to consult with stakeholders in order to fetch risk information in order to identify risks and plan risk management. Which of the following inputs to this process will help you in identifying which stakeholders to analyze?

A. Portfolio Process Assets

B. Portfolio Communication Management Plan

C. Portfolio Risk Management Plan

D. Elicitation technique

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Portfolio Communication Management Plan is correct because it provides the established framework for portfolio communications, including stakeholder communication requirements, information needs, communication methods, frequency, and responsibilities. This information helps a portfolio manager identify the individuals and groups that must be considered during stakeholder analysis for portfolio risk-management planning. Consulting those stakeholders is essential because they provide information about strategic, component-level, operational, financial, governance, and external risks that may affect the portfolio's ability to achieve its objectives.

In portfolio management, risk management is coordinated at the portfolio level to support strategic decision-making and to manage aggregate exposure across portfolio components. The communications plan is especially useful as an input because it identifies the relevant communication relationships and channels through which risk information can be obtained, validated, escalated, and reported. The resulting stakeholder analysis supports a risk management plan that is aligned with portfolio governance and stakeholder expectations. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategy; effective stakeholder communication is integral to that coordination. See PMI's Portfolio Management standards and overview of portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 41

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Due to multiple issues, there were changes in the reporting process in your portfolio; the meetings with their frequencies have been changed and this will also affect the reporting cycle times. In order to meet this new change you will update which of the following documents?

A. Communication Strategy Matrix

B. Communication Calendar

C. PMIS

D. Communication Matrix

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Communication Calendar is the correct document to update because the change specifically affects the timing and cadence of portfolio communications. A communication calendar operationalizes the portfolio communication approach by scheduling recurring meetings, reporting events, reviews, and other stakeholder interactions. When meeting frequencies change, the calendar must be revised to show the new dates or intervals, responsible participants, and timing of the related reports. Since reporting cycle times are also affected, updating this calendar ensures that stakeholders receive portfolio information according to the revised schedule and that governance forums have the information needed at the appropriate points for review and decision-making.

In portfolio management, communications support transparent governance, timely escalation, and informed decisions across portfolio components. Maintaining an up-to-date calendar helps align reporting production, meeting preparation, distribution, and review activities with the newly approved operating rhythm. This is consistent with PMI's portfolio-management focus on coordinated oversight and stakeholder communication throughout the portfolio life cycle. PMI's portfolio management standards are available through the PMI Portfolio Management standards page, and PMI terminology can be consulted in the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 42

As you prepare your communications management plan you realize that stakeholder requirements may change over time, and these changes then will need to be reflected in updates to the plan. As the plan defines the overall communication process not only for gathering information but also in determining recipients of it, it also:

A. Sets expectations for the project team members

B. Describes how and when to effectively conduct lessons learned meetings

C. Ensures continued confidence by all stakeholder groups as to their importance

D. Sets expectations for effective stakeholder engagement

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The correct answer is **Sets expectations for effective stakeholder engagement**. A communications management plan establishes the approach for planning, creating, distributing, storing, retrieving, monitoring, and controlling project communications. By documenting stakeholder communication requirements, including the information needed, intended recipients, timing, frequency, methods, and responsible parties, the plan makes communication predictable and purposeful. This directly supports effective stakeholder engagement because stakeholders understand how they will receive information, how feedback will be gathered, and how communication needs will be managed as conditions change.

Stakeholder requirements are not static. As stakeholder influence, interest, information needs, or project circumstances evolve, the communications management plan may be updated through appropriate project change-control practices. Maintaining a current plan helps the project team communicate in ways that promote shared understanding, timely decisions, and constructive stakeholder participation. PMI identifies the communications management plan as the management-plan component that describes how project communications are planned, structured, monitored, and controlled; this communication framework is integral to managing stakeholder expectations and engagement. See PMI's PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms and the PMBOK® Guide and PMI Standards.

QUESTION NO: 43

A portfolio governance board has decided to discontinue a component. The component has contractual commitments, shared resources, and dependencies with two continuing programs. What should be the portfolio manager's next action?

A. Coordinate an orderly component termination and update affected portfolio information

B. Stop all component work immediately without reviewing dependencies

C. Allow the component manager to decide whether the component should continue

D. Wait until the next portfolio review to communicate the decision

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Coordinate an orderly component termination and update affected portfolio information is correct because an approved discontinuation decision must be implemented in a controlled manner. The portfolio manager should coordinate the transition or closure activities, address contractual obligations, release or reallocate resources, manage impacts to dependent components, and communicate the decision to relevant stakeholders.

The portfolio roadmap, component inventory, resource plans, risk information, dependency information, and performance reports should be updated so that the remaining portfolio reflects the authorized decision. This maintains traceability, prevents unmanaged downstream impacts, and supports continued strategic alignment. See PMI's [Portfolio Management standards resources].

QUESTION NO: 44

Following a recent portfolio health check, you noticed that your portfolio is not aligned with the strategic plan and actions should be taken to stop losing money. What should be your next course of action?

A. Escalate to the executive management

B. Update the Strategic Plan

C. Escalate to Governance Board

D. Escalate to sponsor directly

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Escalate to Governance Board is the appropriate next action because a material lack of alignment between the portfolio and the organization's strategic plan requires an authorized portfolio-level decision. Portfolio governance provides the decision-making structure for evaluating whether components continue to support strategic objectives, balancing value against risk and resource use, and authorizing corrective actions. In this situation, the health check supplies evidence that the current mix of investments may be consuming funds without delivering the intended strategic value. The governance board can review that evidence and direct actions such as reprioritizing investments, changing funding allocations, placing components on hold, or terminating components that no longer justify continued expenditure. The portfolio manager's role is to identify and communicate the strategic misalignment, provide reliable performance and value information, and bring recommendations through the established governance process. This ensures that any action to prevent further losses is transparent, accountable, and consistent with the organization's authority model rather than being an informal operational decision. PMI describes portfolio management as centralized management of portfolios to achieve strategic objectives, with governance supporting oversight and decision making. See PMI's overview of portfolio management and PMI's portfolio management standards resources.

QUESTION NO: 45

Each year, you update the portfolio roadmap so people within the organization can see component status, interdependencies, constraints, and business value, among other things. This year, however, two major programs in the portfolio were cancelled as they were government contracts, and the government lacked funds to complete them. Your management then had to reduce staffing. These two programs had dependencies with other components in the portfolio. This means that:

A. The other components may need to be cancelled

B. The proposed benefits from the other components require analysis to see if they can be realized and sustained

C. The value measurement criteria for portfolio components require updates

D. The overall value of the portfolio is affected adversely

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The overall value of the portfolio is affected adversely. Portfolio value is derived from the collective contribution of its components toward strategic objectives and expected benefits, rather than simply from the number of active projects and programs. Cancelling two major programs removes their planned benefits and can also reduce or delay the value produced by dependent components. The staffing reduction further changes portfolio capacity, which can affect delivery timing, resource availability, and the ability to realize planned benefits across the remaining portfolio.

A portfolio roadmap is specifically used to communicate component status, sequencing, constraints, dependencies, and anticipated business value. When a major dependency is removed, portfolio management must reassess the aggregate value outlook and use that information in governance and decision-making. The adverse effect is not limited to the cancelled work; it is a portfolio-level consequence because interdependent components may no longer deliver their originally forecast contribution at the expected time or scale. PMI describes portfolio management as coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve organizational strategy, including optimization of value delivery. See PMI’s [Portfolio Management standard resources] and its overview of [benefits realization and strategic value].

QUESTION NO: 46

Portfolios include a lot of work and as a portfolio manager you need to keep an eye on the value realization while maintaining the strategic alignment. You are currently in the process of monitoring the portfolio to ensure alignment with organizational strategy and objectives and make governance decisions. What do you expect as an outcome to this?

A. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update

B. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Portfolio Process Assets update

C. Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Strategic Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update, Portfolio Process Assets update

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Portfolio Updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Reports, Organizational Process Assets update is the expected outcome of monitoring the portfolio. This work continuously evaluates portfolio performance, component status, strategic fit, risks, dependencies, capacity, and the continuing ability to realize planned benefits. The resulting decisions may require changes to the portfolio itself, such as reprioritizing, suspending, terminating, adding, or adjusting components; these are captured as portfolio updates. When monitoring identifies a need to revise how the portfolio will be governed, measured, reported, balanced, or controlled, the portfolio management plan is updated. Portfolio reports communicate current performance, progress toward strategic objectives, benefit-realization status, exceptions, and governance-relevant information to stakeholders and decision makers. Finally, lessons learned, templates, metrics, procedures, and other reusable knowledge generated through this activity are retained as organizational process asset updates. This output set supports the portfolio manager’s responsibility to maintain alignment with organizational strategy while enabling informed governance decisions. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategies and objectives; see [PMI’s portfolio management standard overview] and [PMI’s portfolio management overview].

QUESTION NO: 47

Several portfolio components require access to the same enterprise data platform. The platform implementation is delayed, and component managers are developing separate workarounds without coordinating with one another. What should the portfolio manager do?

A. Conduct interdependency analysis and coordinate an integrated portfolio response

B. Allow each component manager to implement the quickest workaround

C. Require the delayed platform team to report only to the affected component managers

D. Remove the platform dependency from portfolio reporting

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Conduct interdependency analysis and coordinate an integrated portfolio response is correct because the delayed platform is a shared dependency that affects multiple components and may create duplicated cost, incompatible solutions, and inconsistent benefits if addressed separately. The portfolio manager should make the relationship and resulting impacts visible to the appropriate decision makers.

An integrated response may include resequencing dependent work, prioritizing the enabling platform, establishing common interim arrangements, or escalating the matter for governance direction. Portfolio management addresses dependencies across components to preserve strategic alignment and optimize the portfolio as a whole. See PMI's Portfolio Management standards resources.

QUESTION NO: 48

You have been asked to manage a major portfolio in order to salvage the company and and re-align it with the strategic objectives and goals. You decided to develop the strategic documents and are currently developing the charter. As a portfolio manager, which of the following would be your answer when asked of the purpose for the development of portfolio charter?

A. Execute portfolio management processes

B. Authorize portfolio components

C. Start the development of Portfolio Management plan and all of its subsidiary plan

D. Develop portfolio structure

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Execute portfolio management processes is correct because the portfolio charter formally establishes the portfolio and gives the portfolio manager the mandate and authority needed to perform portfolio management work. This work includes establishing governance, applying the portfolio management framework, coordinating component oversight, monitoring strategic alignment, balancing portfolio value and risk, and making or facilitating investment decisions consistent with organizational strategy. In a turnaround situation, the charter is especially important because it creates a clear organizational basis for managing investments as a coordinated portfolio rather than as disconnected projects and programs.

PMI portfolio management practice focuses on selecting, prioritizing, balancing, authorizing, and governing investments to achieve strategic objectives. The charter provides the high-level authorization for the portfolio manager to execute those processes and to use appropriate organizational resources and governance channels. It therefore serves as a foundational strategic document: it links the portfolio's purpose, objectives, authority, and management approach to the organization's intended direction. PMI's portfolio-management standard describes portfolio management as coordinated management of components to achieve organizational strategy; see PMI's Portfolio Management standards page and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 49

When it comes to change, one of your junior portfolio managers came to you requesting your help to deal with the overwhelming strategic changes. He wants your assistance in solving the issue of continuous changes in the organization's objectives. What should be your advice to him?

A. Change is a normal thing when it comes to portfolios, and he should act upon each strategic change in a quick manner in order to re-align his portfolio

B. Not all strategic changes impacting his portfolio need to be taken care of; he should prioritize the change and only accept the ones with high priorities

C. Help him to align his portfolio and manage it correctly in order to decrease the number and scale of changes

D. Inform him that this is abnormal and that he should re-do the planning for his portfolio; even if it takes time and resources, but it will help him a lot for the rest of the portfolio life cycle

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

“Change is a normal thing when it comes to portfolios, and he should act upon each strategic change in a quick manner in order to re-align his portfolio” is correct because portfolio management is inherently dynamic and exists to support achievement of the organization’s current strategic objectives. Strategy, priorities, market conditions, funding, risk appetite, and organizational capabilities can change throughout the portfolio life cycle. Therefore, the portfolio manager must continuously monitor strategic direction and portfolio performance, assess the implications of changes, and make timely portfolio-level decisions to preserve alignment and maximize value delivery. Re-alignment may include reviewing component priorities, changing investment allocations, reprioritizing or terminating components, balancing risks and resources, or updating the portfolio roadmap. The key advice is not to regard ongoing strategic change as an abnormal planning failure; it is a normal governance condition requiring responsive portfolio oversight. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolios to achieve organizational strategies and objectives, which requires ongoing strategic alignment and decision making. See PMI’s Portfolio Management Professional (PfMP) certification overview and its portfolio management standards resources.

QUESTION NO: 50

The Portfolio Charter is an important document that is referenced throughout the portfolio life cycle. Which of the following is correct regarding the Portfolio Charter purpose and focus?

A. Forecasts how and when the portfolio will deliver value to the organization

B. Corresponds to the means to the “to-be” vision

C. High-level prioritization mapping of the portfolio

D. Can be used to influence the portfolio’s success

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Can be used to influence the portfolio’s success is correct because the Portfolio Charter is the foundational authorization and reference document for the portfolio. It establishes the portfolio’s purpose, connection to organizational strategy, intended objectives, high-level governance expectations, and the authority needed to manage the portfolio. By creating a shared understanding among sponsors, portfolio governance bodies, portfolio managers, and other stakeholders, the charter supports consistent decisions throughout the portfolio life cycle. It is not merely a one-time approval artifact: it provides an enduring point of reference when the organization evaluates strategic alignment, makes investment decisions, responds to change, and monitors whether the portfolio remains positioned to deliver its intended strategic contribution. Clear definition of the portfolio’s purpose, responsibilities, decision authority, and success expectations helps shape stakeholder commitment and governance behavior; these factors directly influence the portfolio’s ability to succeed. PMI’s portfolio-management guidance emphasizes aligning portfolio components with organizational strategy and using governance to support informed, value-focused decisions. See PMI’s Portfolio Management standard resources and its overview of project, program, and portfolio management.

QUESTION NO: 51

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A number of components proposals are on the table as a result of the strategic planning cycle. While defining the portfolio, you wanted to use a method to help you compare portfolio components that address similar needs. Which of the following techniques you use?

A. Portfolio Component Inventory

B. Prioritization

C. Categorization technique

D. Weighted ranking and scoring

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Portfolio component categorization technique is correct because categorization organizes proposed and existing portfolio components into meaningful groups that share common characteristics, such as the business need addressed, strategic objective, funding source, risk profile, technology, or organizational area. In this case, grouping proposals that address similar needs gives portfolio decision makers an appropriate basis for comparing them within the same context. It improves visibility of overlap, supports assessment of whether multiple initiatives are pursuing the same outcome, and helps ensure the portfolio is balanced and aligned with strategy before component selection and authorization decisions are made.

PMI portfolio management practice treats categorization as a key activity in defining and managing a portfolio. Categories provide a structured way to evaluate components with comparable purposes and to make investment decisions across related work. The categories should be meaningful to the organization's strategy and governance approach, allowing decision makers to assess demand, value, resource implications, and strategic coverage for each grouping. This supports selecting the combination of components that best advances organizational objectives. PMI describes portfolio management standards and their strategic alignment focus at PMI's Portfolio Management Standard page. Additional PMI terminology for portfolio management can be found in the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 52

Your online ordering company wants to add a component to its portfolio that its sponsor believes will outdistance the competition, but it has risks and also will be subject to regulatory approval. The purpose is to use parachutes to deliver the merchandise ordered through small helicopters so the recipients receive their orders within three hours of the on line purchase. As the portfolio manager you recognize this component is a major change and will require resources if it is approved. You are now performing change management using a change structure that:

A. Requires a change request

B. Facilitates impact analysis

C. Needs to assess dependencies

D. Requires an update to the roadmap

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Facilitates impact analysis is correct because a portfolio change structure provides the governance framework for evaluating a proposed addition or material change before an authorization decision is made. Here, the proposed delivery capability may advance competitive strategy, but it also introduces substantial uncertainty: regulatory authorization, safety and operational exposure, funding and capacity demands, and potential effects on existing portfolio investments and strategic objectives. Impact analysis gives portfolio decision makers a consistent basis to examine those consequences across the portfolio rather than treating the proposal as an isolated project idea.

At the portfolio level, this analysis supports decisions about strategic fit, expected value, risk exposure, resource implications, timing, and whether the organization has sufficient capability and governance controls to proceed. It also gives the sponsor and portfolio governance body reliable information for prioritizing, deferring, approving, or rejecting the component. This is consistent with PMI's view of portfolio management as the centralized management of initiatives to achieve strategic objectives and optimize value. PMI's portfolio-management standards are available at PMI Portfolio Management Standards; PMI's terminology and governance concepts can also be consulted in the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 53

Assume you completed your portfolio performance management plan, and it was approved by the Oversight Committee. This plan, with an overall purpose to maximize portfolio performance, describes resource allocation and resource-related issues among other items. In it a key component is benefits realization. This emphasis on benefits planning provides:

A. Examples for templates for benefits realization planning

B. Methods to evaluate the expected net benefits

C. An approach focusing on continuous improvement in overall performance

D. Methods to assist in benefit identification

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Methods to evaluate the expected net benefits is correct because benefits realization planning is central to measuring whether the portfolio is delivering sufficient value for the organization's investment. At portfolio level, benefits planning establishes how anticipated benefits will be defined, assessed, tracked, and compared with the costs and resources required to achieve them. Evaluating expected net benefits supports informed portfolio decisions by providing a consistent basis for comparing components, prioritizing investments, and balancing the portfolio to maximize strategic value. The evaluation is not limited to identifying a benefit; it considers the expected value generated relative to financial and nonfinancial costs, risks, timing, and resource commitments. This information enables the oversight body and portfolio manager to monitor whether the portfolio remains aligned with strategic objectives and to make adjustment decisions when expected value changes. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve organizational strategy, with value delivery and benefit realization serving as essential outcomes. Further PMI guidance explains that benefits realization management uses planned measures and ongoing evaluation to determine whether intended value is achieved. See PMI's Standard for Portfolio Management and benefits realization management guidance.

QUESTION NO: 54

You are the manager for a governmental portfolio aiming to restructure the roads in your country. Having a tight schedule, a large number of stakeholders including the public, in addition to a strict budgeting framework, you know that you will be managing the communication closely and that the governance board and the stakeholders would want to check on the progress and performance frequently. For this you have developed a robust Communication management plan. What is the result of developing this plan?

A. Portfolio Process Assets updates, Portfolio Charter updates, Portfolio updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Enterprise Environmental Factors updates

B. Portfolio Process Assets updates, Portfolio Charter updates, Portfolio Reports updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Portfolio Component Reports updates

C. Portfolio Process Assets updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates

D. Portfolio Process Assets updates, Portfolio Roadmap updates, Portfolio updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates, Enterprise Environmental Factors updates

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

"Portfolio Process Assets updates, Portfolio Management Plan updates" is correct because developing the portfolio communication management plan both incorporates communication decisions into the integrated portfolio management plan and creates or updates reusable portfolio-level process assets. The communication management plan defines the information needs of governance bodies, component managers, public stakeholders, and other interested parties; it also establishes communication methods, frequency, escalation paths, responsibilities, and reporting expectations. Those approved planning decisions update the Portfolio Management Plan, which is the integrated basis for directing and controlling portfolio management work. The planning activity can also update Portfolio Process Assets, such as communication templates, reporting formats, stakeholder-contact information, lessons learned, and established procedures for distributing and retaining portfolio information. In a government infrastructure portfolio, these assets support consistent progress and performance reporting across many road-related components and enable future portfolio work to use proven communication practices. This aligns with PMI's portfolio-management guidance that portfolio management plans are progressively developed and maintained, while organizational and portfolio process assets are updated as management processes produce useful artifacts and knowledge. See PMI's The Standard for Portfolio Management and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.

QUESTION NO: 55

While defining the portfolio mix, the portfolio manager performs a categorization of the portfolio components based on multiple categorization criteria. Which of the following is considered as a portfolio component category?

A. Continuous Improvement

B. Risk Reduction

C. All of the options

D. Process Improvement

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

All of the options is correct because portfolio-component categorization can use component types that describe the intended nature or contribution of investments within the portfolio. Continuous improvement initiatives, risk-reduction investments, and process-improvement efforts are meaningful categories for grouping portfolio components when evaluating and defining the portfolio mix. Categorization enables the portfolio manager to view the collection of components from several perspectives, compare how investment is distributed, and assess whether the portfolio is balanced and aligned with organizational strategy. For example, a portfolio may need an appropriate allocation across investments that improve operational processes, continuously enhance products or services, and reduce exposure to significant threats. The precise categories are tailored to the organization’s strategy, governance approach, and decision-making needs; they are not limited to a single universal classification scheme. PMI describes portfolio management as the coordinated management of portfolio components to achieve strategic objectives, and categorization supports that strategic alignment and portfolio-level analysis. See PMI’s overview of portfolio management standards and the Standard for Portfolio Management for the governing portfolio-management context.

QUESTION NO: 56

Processes in the portfolio management layer interact with each others. For example, Manage Portfolio Information interacts with Provide Portfolio Oversight in order to store decisions made during the portfolio review meetings. Where are these decisions stored?

A. Portfolio Management Plan

B. Portfolio

C. Portfolio Reports

D. Portfolio Process Assets

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Portfolio Reports is correct because Manage Portfolio Information consolidates, maintains, and communicates portfolio-level information, including the outcomes of portfolio governance and review activities. Decisions made during portfolio review meetings—such as approvals, prioritization actions, resource-direction decisions, performance actions, or changes affecting portfolio components—must be captured in a form that can be communicated, monitored, and used for follow-up. Portfolio reports provide that formal record and communicate the portfolio’s current status, performance, governance outcomes, and decisions to the appropriate stakeholders.

This interaction supports effective portfolio governance: Provide Portfolio Oversight establishes and records decision outcomes from oversight activities, while Manage Portfolio Information ensures those outcomes are documented and made available through the portfolio reporting mechanism. Maintaining decisions in portfolio reports also supports transparency, traceability, timely stakeholder communication, and subsequent monitoring of actions arising from review meetings. This is consistent with PMI’s view of portfolio management as coordinated governance and management of portfolio information to support strategic objectives. See PMI’s portfolio management standards resources and the PMI Lexicon of Project Management Terms.