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QUESTION NO: 1

Which of the following statements about the ODUk unit is TRUE?

A. The ODUk contains the FE

B. The ODUk is the basic payload that can be electronically groomed and switched in the OTN network.

C. The ODUk is processed at an optical level.

D. The ODUk is the first container in which the client signal is inserted.

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

The ODUk is the basic payload that can be electronically groomed and switched in the OTN network. In the Optical Transport Network hierarchy, an Optical Data Unit carries an Optical Payload Unit together with the overhead needed to monitor and manage its transport connection. This makes the ODUk the digital switching and grooming layer: equipment such as an OTN cross-connect can receive an ODUk, process it electronically, and switch it toward a selected outgoing transport path without needing to terminate the underlying client service. ODUk containers are defined at several line-rate-related levels and can also be multiplexed into higher-rate ODUk containers, enabling efficient aggregation of lower-rate traffic. The ODUk's transport overhead supports functions including path monitoring and tandem connection monitoring, which help maintain end-to-end operational visibility across an OTN domain. The ITU-T G.709 recommendation defines the OTN digital hierarchy, including OPUk, ODUk, and OTUk structures and their overhead functions. See ITU-T Recommendation G.709 and ITU-T Recommendation G.872 for the OTN architecture and transport-layer context.

QUESTION NO: 2

What is the main advantage of coherent optical transmission?

A. It enables high-capacity transmission using advanced modulation and digital signal processing.

B. It removes the need for wavelength multiplexing on a line fiber.

C. It eliminates all optical noise generated by amplifiers.

D. It allows any optical signal to travel without attenuation.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Coherent optical transmission uses advanced modulation, digital signal processing, and reception of both optical field components to support high-capacity transmission with improved tolerance to transmission impairments. The receiver can process amplitude, phase, and polarization information, enabling modulation formats such as QPSK and higher-order QAM.

Coherent detection also enables digital compensation of effects such as chromatic dispersion and polarization mode dispersion within the supported operating range. This makes coherent interfaces well suited to modern metro, regional, and long-haul DWDM networks. ITU-T optical-interface specifications for amplified WDM systems are available in ITU-T G.698.2.

QUESTION NO: 3

Which of the following statements is true?

A. Logs report both active and historical events.

B. Alarms and conditions report a real time status of the node.

C. Alarms and conditions report only historical status of the node.

D. Logs report a real time status of the node.

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

“Alarms and conditions report a real time status of the node.” is correct. In Nokia optical network management, alarms and conditions are operational-state indicators intended to show the node’s current situation to an operator. An alarm represents a detected fault or abnormal condition that requires attention according to its severity and service impact. A condition similarly reflects a current node, equipment, or operational state that the management system presents while that state exists. This current-state view enables operators to identify active problems, assess their severity and affected resources, and begin fault isolation or restoration without having to reconstruct the node’s status from past records. In practical optical-network operations, the alarm-and-condition display is therefore a key real-time monitoring function: it provides an actionable view of what is presently active on the managed network element. Nokia’s product documentation portal provides the documentation sets for its optical network management and 1830 platform products, including fault-management concepts and procedures: Nokia Documentation Center. This use of active alarms as a current operational-status mechanism is also consistent with the alarm model defined by the IETF, which describes alarms as information about faults or other conditions requiring attention: RFC 8632, Network Management Datastore Architecture.

QUESTION NO: 4

What is the function of the express channel interface?

A. It enables the high speed route for all channels passing through that interface.

B. It drops high capacity channels in the local node.

C. It passes all the channels not terminated in the local node through the downstream node.

D. It enables the high speed route for all channels terminated in the local node.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

“It passes all the channels not terminated in the local node through the downstream node.” is correct because an express channel interface provides an optical bypass path for transit wavelengths. In a WDM node, a wavelength may be intended for a site farther along the optical route rather than for the current site. The express interface lets that channel continue toward the next downstream node without being locally terminated, processed as client traffic, or subjected to an unnecessary optical-electrical-optical conversion.

This express capability is fundamental to scalable ROADM and photonic transport architectures. Keeping transit channels in the optical domain reduces the amount of electrical switching and transponder capacity required at intermediate sites. It also supports efficient wavelength routing across a multi-node network, while local add/drop functions handle only the wavelengths that originate or terminate at the current node. Nokia describes its 1830 Photonic Service Switch as supporting programmable photonic connectivity and wavelength routing for high-capacity optical networks. See Nokia 1830 Photonic Service Switch and Nokia Optical Networks.

QUESTION NO: 5

What is the role of an Optical Supervisory Channel (OSC)?

A. It carries management and control communication between optical nodes.

B. It carries the client payload of every wavelength service.

C. It provides distributed Raman gain along the fiber span.

D. It measures chromatic dispersion for each optical channel.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

An Optical Supervisory Channel carries management, control, and maintenance communication between optical network nodes. It is transported on a dedicated optical wavelength that is separate from the revenue-bearing WDM channels, allowing the line system and remote equipment to exchange operational information.

The OSC supports functions such as node communication, alarm reporting, inventory exchange, and control-plane signaling where applicable. It does not normally transport the client payload carried by transponder wavelengths. Optical transport network management functions are part of the architecture described in ITU-T G.872.

QUESTION NO: 6

What is the meaning of demand in EPT?

A. Demand refers to the amount of OTN interfaces within a single network element.

B. Demand refers to the required capacity of a single network element in terms of bandwidth.

C. Demand refers to the required number of trails to be automatically created to meet design requirements.

D. Demand refers to one or more client signal.

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

In Nokia's Engineering and Planning Tool (EPT), a demand is the traffic requirement entered into the network design: it represents one or more client signals that must be carried between specified endpoints. The planner associates the demand with client-service characteristics, such as the service type and quantity, and then uses that requirement as an input to engineer the required transport resources. In practical terms, the demand expresses what the customer or service layer needs the optical network to transport, rather than describing a pre-existing physical interface count, the bandwidth of one individual node, or a fixed number of already-created trails. Once demands are defined, planning workflows can determine suitable connectivity and transport capacity across the optical network. This distinction is central to optical-network planning because the service requirement is specified first; the network resources used to fulfill it are subsequently selected and engineered. Nokia's optical networking portfolio and planning capabilities are described at Nokia Optical Networks and in the Nokia 1830 Photonic Service Switch product information.

QUESTION NO: 7

How does a Raman pump work in the 1830 specific implementation?

A. The amplification is done simultaneously for all channels as they enter the board.

B. As the incoming signal power increase, the gain of the amplifier is reduced.

C. The pump light travels in the same direction of the signal, amplifying it while it flows in the fiber towards the following node.

D. The pump light travels in the opposite direction of the signal to be amplified, amplifying it while it arrives from the adjacent node.

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The pump light travels in the opposite direction of the signal to be amplified, amplifying it while it arrives from the adjacent node. This describes backward-pumped distributed Raman amplification, the implementation commonly used in long-haul optical line systems such as the Nokia 1830 PSS. A high-power pump wavelength is injected into the transmission fiber from the receive-side end, so it counter-propagates against the WDM signal traveling from the adjacent node. Through stimulated Raman scattering in the silica fiber, energy from the pump is transferred to the lower-frequency signal wavelengths. Because this interaction occurs along a span of transmission fiber rather than only at a discrete amplifier site, Raman gain helps offset span attenuation before the signals reach the receiving node. Backward pumping is particularly useful operationally because the highest pump power is concentrated near the receive end, while the signal can receive distributed gain over the span. Nokia positions the 1830 PSS as an optical transport platform for high-capacity, long-haul networks, where such advanced amplification supports reach and optical performance. See Nokia's [1830 Photonic Service Switch overview] and the technical description of [Raman amplifiers].

QUESTION NO: 8

Which type of ports are present in the Colorless Wavelength Router (CWR)?

A. Colorless uni-directional ports only

B. Black and white ports

C. Colorless bi-directional ports

D. DeMux ports

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Colorless bi-directional ports are present in the Colorless Wavelength Router (CWR). In a reconfigurable optical add/drop multiplexer implementation, "colorless" means that an add/drop interface is not permanently tied to one predetermined optical wavelength. A service can therefore be assigned or retuned to an available wavelength through configuration, without requiring a manual change to a wavelength-specific multiplexer port. This supports simpler provisioning, wavelength reassignment, and restoration workflows in photonic transport networks.

The CWR's add/drop interfaces are bi-directional: the same physical port supports both directions of the optical connection. This port model lets the CWR route a selected wavelength between a transponder-facing connection and the appropriate network direction while preserving the operational flexibility expected of a colorless ROADM design. It is consequently an important building block for reducing fixed wavelength dependencies at the node's add/drop side. Nokia's 1830 PSS platform is designed for programmable optical networking and ROADM-based photonic switching, as described on the [Nokia 1830 Photonic Service Switch page]. The broader optical-transport architectural context for wavelength-routing functionality is defined by the ITU-T in [Recommendation G.872].